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GIRL CHARGED AS SPY

On charges of conspiracy to violate the Espionage Act three men and an 18-year-old girl were indicted in New York yesterday as part of the Government drive to break up an international spy ring.

Federal agents said the ring is operating in the United States, Spain, Portugal and Germany.

Defendants are charged with gathering and transmitting to their colleagues in Europe information about the movements and disposition of the American forces, as well as pictures and sketches of strategic points on the eastern seaboard.

All four are in custody. Their names are: Kurt Frederick Ludwig, named as ringleader, American-born of German parents, Hans Pagel, German-born, entered the U.S.A. in 1931, Frederick Edward Schosser, 19, native of New York, and Miss Lucy Boehmle, born in Stuttgart, entered the U.S.A. in 1939.

The indictment charged Ludwig with having taken photographs for Germany for which that country paid him.

Meanwhile the trial of 16 others, charged with espionage, opened in the Federal Court at Brooklyn yesterday.—Reuter.

MORE CANADIANS ARRIVE

Thousands of Canadian soldiers arrived in England yesterday to join the Canadian forces.

With them came American volunteers—and more—American nurses, and they were welcomed by Rear-Admiral Sir Arthur Bromley and Major-General T. J. Price, commanding the Canadian forces in England.

A message from Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, was read by General Price. It said: "You have come to Britain to help in breaking the bonds that now enslave so many countries in Europe.

"In this island you will be defending the citadel of freedom. No greater honour could fall to your lot." — Reuter.

Large-Scale War Anniversary Reminder To Huns

ENORMOUS EXPLOSIONS CAUSED BY THE HEAVIEST BOMBS AND A VERY LARGE FIRE NEAR ONE OF THE MAIN RAILWAY STATIONS, WERE OBSERVED BY THE CREWS OF BRITISH BOMBERS WHICH VISITED BERLIN ON TUESDAY NIGHT.

At times, says the Air Ministry news service, there were clouds all round the outskirts of the city but over the city itself there were clearer patches.

The ring of clouds was so close that the low moon cast shadows from them on Berlin.

By skilful navigation four-engined Stirlings and Halifaxes, weight-carrying Manchesters and a number of Hampdens were brought over the sea of cloud to the exposed capital.

The navigator of a Halifax said searchlights were trying to pick them up all the way. There seemed to be about 50 in one bunch.

Shells burst close to some of them, sending out clouds of smoke. One bit of shell hit the bomb doors.

Until the bomber was within a few miles of Berlin the crew thought they were going to be disappointed so thick were the clouds, but then they flew into a sudden clearing.

The Spree

"We saw the River Spree and so found our way right into the city. We dropped our bombs and saw them burst among industrial buildings and left fires burning."

The captain of a Stirling said that just after they crossed the Dutch frontier they began having trouble with the inner port engine. Oil poured out of it.

They carried on, however, until they got to Berlin where they saw other bombers being engaged by searchlights and guns. They slipped in while the others were being engaged and got very little opposition except when coming out.

"Hell Of Explosion"

"We ran right across the city from south-west to north-east and dropped our bombs. Fire sprang up almost immediately and a very good fire too, in the centre of the city. The rear-gunner could see it for 15 minutes afterwards."

"SOMEBODY ELSE MUST HAVE BOMBED OUR FIRE BECAUSE WE SAW SEVERAL MORE EXPLOSIONS IN IT."

"Then after a time we saw a hell of a great explosion and another fire started."

When they turned for home the inner port engine was smoking badly and was in danger of catching fire, then the oil pressure went right down, so they cut the engine out and came home on three engines.—Reuter.

BERLIN SHAKEN ALL NIGHT

The latest pounding from the R.A.F. was described in the American press in front page stories yesterday, with huge full-width streamers.

"Heaviest R.A.F. raid smashes at Berlin," says the "New York Journal and American."

"Berlin shaken all night by terrific R.A.F. raid," says the "New York World-Telegram."

Stories describe buildings and windows shaking and rattling all night, and some papers express the belief that Russian planes may have participated with the R.A.F. in the raid.

It is reported that the roar of the planes was audible even above the "terrific" gunfire.—Reuter.

POLITICAL PROPAGANDA

FOLLOWING REPORTS THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS FORMED A POLITICAL PROPAGANDA DEPARTMENT FOR FOREIGN BROADCASTS, IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT THAT AN EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO UNIFY THE DIRECTION OF POLITICAL WARFARE.

Plans are not yet complete. In any case a certain part of the organisation must necessarily be secret and no announcement will therefore be made regarding personnel.—Reuter.

NO BASIS FOR GERMAN CLAIM

Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow telegraphs there is no basis for the German claim to be within 15 miles of Leningrad.

NAZI REPRISALS

The charge d'affaires of Guatemala in Berlin has been informed that the German Government have found it necessary to withdraw the exequatur from the consuls of Guatemala in Germany, says Reuter.

SERBIAN PUPPET SET UP

Finding themselves completely impotent in the face of resolute guerrilla warfare in all parts of Serbia, the German authorities have now hit upon the expedient of forming a puppet government under General Neditch, thus trying to enlist popular support.

The German authorities also announced the intention of organising a Serbian army and introducing compulsory labour, hoping in this way to prevent abetted inhabitants from forming increasing guerrilla bands.

Simultaneously they are pursuing terrorist measures and the latest atrocities, according to information reaching authoritative Yugoslav circles in Jerusalem, include the shooting of seven intellectuals from Aleksinatz, including a woman teacher and a judge charged of having Communist sympathies, and ordering the execution of another seven from various towns for "subversive activities."

Effect of these measures has only been to exacerbate public feeling still further and cause irreconcilable hostility to the alleged new "government."—Reuter.



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May Swing Back To Britain Before Winter

GERMANS THROWN BACK

The Germans have been hurled back 30 miles as a result of Russian counter-attacks in a 10-day battle, according to a report by Battalion Commissar Visolostrosky in the Army organ "Red Star."

THIS REPORT STATED THAT 22 VILLAGES HAD BEEN RECAPTURED AND A GERMAN SALIENT "DRIVEN IN."

Scene of the battle was not disclosed but was possibly on the central front.

The population of the recaptured villages are now rebuilding bridges and hastily harvesting the rye which stood too long during the German occupation.

They can be seen busy in the fields while the front is only a very few miles away.

An occasional shell drops in retaken territory.

Russian troops are searching for Germans in the villages with the help of villagers.—Reuter.

U.S. SHIP BUILDING SPEED-UP

The United States shipping programme is ahead of schedule, according to Rear-Admiral Emory Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission, at his press conference yesterday.

He predicted that new ships totalling about 12,410,000 tons deadweight would be placed in operation between the beginning of last July and the end of 1943.

These figures did not include 105 vessels in commission which had been delivered up to to-day or additional small vessels and craft for which the Commission was contracting.—Reuter.

Tremendous Exertions On The Entire Battlefront

(By "Annalist")

WITH THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER DRAWING NEAR THE GREAT CLASH OF ARMS ON THE EASTERN FRONT IS REACHING THE POINT WHERE DECISIONS OF VITAL CONSEQUENCE TO THE FUTURE COURSE OF THE WAR WILL BE REACHED.

Both sides are straining every nerve, taxing their immediate resources to the limit to turn these decisions to their own advantage, but the fiercer the exchanges in the air and on land, the fewer authentic details reach the outside world from the churned up spaces where the world's two greatest armies are at each other's throat.

Both the German and Soviet High Commands keep their own counsel in the briefest two-line communiqués and in London authoritative quibblers declare once again that official news is lacking and comment merely that there is no confirmation of an big change anywhere, either at the scene of the German offensive around Leningrad or in the central and southern sectors, where the Russians are reported to be persisting in their counter-attacks.

IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, WITH THE STEADY APPROACH OF WINTER TO VISUALISE THE MAIN AUTUMN PURPOSES OF THE GERMAN STRATEGY.

They are the capture of Leningrad, Kiev, Odessa and even Moscow, with the object of fixing the front for the winter, with Russian naval, military, industrial and political strength seriously weakened so that other campaigns can be pursued notably in the eastern Mediterranean and North Africa together, it is even possible, with a limited invasion of Britain designed to pin down and weaken the R.A.F.

Invasion Threat

The time table for a serious invasion of Britain this year has undoubtedly been upset.

IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT THE GERMANS PLAN TO SWITCH BACK TO NORTH-WEST EUROPE SUFFICIENT OF THEIR AIR FORCE TO MOUNT ANOTHER NIGHT BLITZ ON ENGLAND ACCOMPANIED BEFORE WINTER BY THE USE OF SOME AIRBORNE DIVISIONS IN LANDINGS TO DESTROY SELECTED R.A.F. AERODROMES AND OTHER VITAL OBJECTIVES.

That these divisions will be certainly committing suicide will be no deterrent to the German High Command should they consider the damage they are likely to inflict before they are rounded up, killed or captured, worth the risk.

Six Weeks

Factors against such a venture, however, are the effect such an indecisive "invasion" will have on the minds of the sorely tried German population and the time required to mount it.

Since their bomber and transport force on the western front is down to bed-rock, it would take them at least six weeks, it is estimated, to prepare.

The answer to the threat of a fresh German initiative, wherever shown, is in the hands of Russia, Britain — and America.—Reuter.

WOMEN ONLY—IT'S AWFUL

Three hundred and thirty lovely English-women, interned in a convent near Ravensburg, in the heart of Southern Germany, are pining for male company.

"What is the worst annoyance around here?" one young woman was asked. She answered, "Women, women. When I get out I don't even want to see one again."

A group of girls, some of whom were sleek, smart singers and dancers from Continental dance bands, were busy rehearsing a Noel Coward sketch.

One of the girls, playing a male lead, wailed sorrowfully, "I have been doing these love scenes now from pure memory for a long time."

A blues singer, Moreen Coburn, said: "There is one thing to say for the place. It's one place in the world where we can sunbathe without fear of curious men."

Salvation Army leader Colonel Mary Booth is among the internees.

Six children are also being held with the women.

VICHY AIR CHIEF CHANGES VIEW

General Bergeret, Vichy aviation chief, who, it was reported two months ago, believed Germany would win the war, recently expressed the conviction in conversation that Germany is bound to lose owing to eventual fuel shortage, says Reuter from the French frontier.

THE STORY OF A CAMEL

The following little story has reached India from a correspondent in the Sudan:

An army truck, driven by an Indian soldier, was travelling across a bridge in Port Sudan. There was a slight traffic jam, and the driver did not brake quite quickly enough to avoid a camel.

Unfortunately, the animal's leg was broken and it had to be shot. This was a very serious loss to the owner, "fuzzy-wuzzy," who was persuaded by the police to bring a charge.

When the case came up in court, the driver was put in the dock and the "fuzzy-wuzzy" was asked to identify him. He had one look at the Indian, and turned to the magistrate indignantly and said:

"If this is the man who killed my camel, I wish to withdraw the charge. In the first place this man is a foreigner here, and therefore a guest in my country. In the second place, he has come here to defend me against my enemy."

The court was full of merchants that morning, and to the surprise of the camel-owner's reply that they made a collection on the spot and gave him enough money to buy another camel.

So honour was satisfied, the spirit of hospitality untarnished, and the camel replaced.

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS ACCLAIMS SOVIET SPIRIT

"OUR ADMIRATION for the magnificent achievements of the Soviet forces by land, sea and air is unstinted," writes Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador in Moscow, in an article in yesterday's Soviet paper "Izvestia."

"We acclaim the determination of every man, woman and child to protect their homeland from the brutal invader and we are confident that the spirit of courage and determination will bring our two countries a final and successful issue in our struggles.

"Though great trials and sufferings still lie before our people, this third year of war opens in conditions full of hope and with the absolute certainty of eventual victory for the cause that we defend against the villainous aggression of Hitler and his minions."

"He was so blinded by his own lust for power that he could not recognise the gallant strength of the Red Army, Navy and Air Force; now, with the flower of his army stricken on Soviet land and thousands of his tanks and aeroplanes reduced to scrap, he must look with every growing fear at the mounting forces of the enemy whom he once despised."

The German Task

"In the West, too, night after night and day after day, an ever-increasing force of British planes rains down destruction on the industries of Germany."

"In the occupied territories he has encountered more and more difficulties as the peoples of those lands put up stubborn and courageous resistance to his domination."


"Arranged against him now stand side by side two of the greatest nations in the world—Great Bri-

tain and the Soviet Union — backed by the gallant forces, of their allies, by the hopes of tens of millions of Europeans and by the almost inexhaustible resources of the American continent." —Reuter.

BOYS UNDER TEN GAOLED

ACCORDING TO THE HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPER "PESTER LLOYD," THE CRIMINAL COURT IN BUDAPEST HAS SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT A NUMBER OF BOYS BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 16 ON A CHARGE OF DAMAGING THE STATE RAILWAYS TO THE DANGER OF THE PUBLIC.

Another report quoted in Zurich recounts that six Danes, including a woman aged 22, received sentences ranging from 30 days to two years for insulting German officers and soldiers in Denmark.—Reuter.



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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, ANNOUNCING THAT MR. AVERELL HARRIMAN WILL LEAD A MISSION OF FIVE TO MOSCOW, SAID IT WOULD ACT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SIMILAR BRITISH MISSION LED BY LORD BEAVERBROOK TO DEAL WITH SUPPLIES TO RUSSIA.

The mission includes Major-Generals James H. Burns, executive officer of the Lease and Lend administration, George H. Brett, Chief of the Army Air Corps, Admiral W. H. Standley, Retired, former Chief of Naval Operations, and William Blatt, deputy director of the Production Division.

Pressure Relaxed

To the question "Do you think the American Navy should be used to convoy ships carrying war materials to Britain?" 52 per cent. replied "Yes" and 39 per cent. "No" and nine per cent. expressed no opinion.

This is according to the latest Gallup survey the results of which were revealed in New York yesterday.

An identical poll in July showed 56 per cent. favouring convoys.

Gallup adds that the downward trend reflects interventionism's natural tendency to decline when the pressure against Britain relaxes.—Reuter.

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The White House announces that in addition about nine technicians are accompanying the mission.

No announcement was made regarding the date of the mission's departure.

Holding of this conference was agreed to between the President and Mr. Churchill at their recent meeting at sea, says the White House statement.

It stated that Major-General Burns, who is associated with Mr. Harry Hopkins, would be a sort of "general manager" to the mission.

Army Precedence

The President's Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, told reporters that the Army would take precedence at the conversations because the mission's work "will be 90 per cent. military and 10 per cent. naval." — Reuter.

T.U.C. REJECTS MOTION

The Trades Union Congress in Edinburgh rejected by an overwhelming majority the motion to refer back to the General Council its report on the negotiations with Government on the subject of the fire prevention scheme.

In this report the General Council, while contending that the proposed allowances for workers under the fire scheme were totally inadequate, and that the scheme will not be successful on its present basis, nevertheless recommended the Trades Union Movement to cooperate in the proposed machinery under the scheme.

In the course of the debate, besides criticism of the scheme itself, the complaint was made that Government had failed to consult the Trade Union Movement before the fire prevention order was issued.

It was stated, however, that in the latest negotiations Government had largely met the Council's views regarding consultation and that a joint advisory council on fire prevention was being set up. — Reuter.

15-INCH CUSHION FOR R.A.F. PILOTS

Having just been "rescued" from the English Channel by the R.A.F., I am able to appreciate the great progress the Ministry of Aircraft Production has made in devices to save the lives to British airmen who are shot down off our coasts, writes a correspondent.

When the Battle of Britain was in progress, airmen had to rely entirely on their life-jackets to keep them afloat until they were picked up—if they were lucky enough to be found. My experiment with the latest equipment showed how much greater the chance of survival has become.

Clad in a boiler suit and an inflated life-jacket, I jumped into the icy water. I did not have to stay there long. I was "saved" by a rubber dinghy contained in a seat cushion, and from this I was soon hauled aboard a high-speed rescue launch.

Rations There, Too

This cushion measures only 15in square and it is only 3in thick, so that it can be stowed easily in the restricted space of a fighter aircraft. Indeed, there is room also in the cushion for a sea anchor, paddles, rations, distress signals, repair kit, baler and a hand-pump for use if the automatic inflator fails.

Emergency dinghies are now carried in every aircraft. The type I operated is one of seven used by the Air-Sea Rescue Service of the R.A.F. I saw all the types demonstrated.

The dinghies will accommodate crews of any size up to eight. Some are inflated electrically, some by foot bellows, some by blow-out stoppages. All have alternative manual controls.

A distinctive colour scheme helps phantoms to discern survivors. Bright yellow shows up best. One very ingenious device is a firework distress signal which shoots stars into the air from an apparatus that can be used afterwards as a spare paddle.

The day's biggest thrill was when a Lysander patrol aircraft dropped by parachute a number of special dinghies, of a larger type, to which men in the water were able to paddle.

GEN. WAVELL'S ANNIVERSARY SUMMARY

"WE HAVE SUFFERED some rude buffets and undergone some heavy shocks, but we are still upright and stronger than ever," declared General Wavell, Commander-in-Chief, in a broadcast from Simla, on the second anniversary of the war.

"There's a long way to go and a hard time in front of us, but there are many signs that the enemy is growing weaker, and that from arrogant confidence he has passed into a restless anxiety which will turn to despair as he sees his ruin-approach."

After reviewing events in the Middle East, Africa, the Balkans and Russia, he said that the "balance sheet I can put before you is, therefore, by no means an unsatisfactory one. The enemy is not yet defeated, but we have laid a firm foundation for his future defeat."

General Wavell disclosed that there were well over 100,000 Indian troops serving overseas with the total of Indian fighting forces approaching the million mark.

In the Middle East, Indian soldiers have helped to secure our great base of naval, military and air power in Egypt, to clear our lines of communication by the Red Sea and overland through Iraq, and forestall the Germans in Syria, Iraq and Iran, thus keeping our frontiers free of the menace of Nazi destruction and oppression.

Eastern Bastions

General Wavell concluded that "in the Far East also, Japan's southward move has been carefully watched and Indian soldiers

in Malaya and Burma are ready to play their part in the defence of India's eastern bastions." — Reuter.

BEAVERBROOK GOING TO MOSCOW

It is officially confirmed in London that Lord Beaverbrook is to lead the British delegation on the joint Anglo-American mission which is proceeding to Moscow to discuss material aid to Russia with the Soviet Government. — Reuter.

TRIPOLI RAIDS KEPT UP

R.A.F. heavy bombers attacked Tripoli during the night of September 1/2, said yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communiqué.

Bombs were dropped on the power station and a number of fires started. Subsequently there was a violent explosion and a large fire, with clouds of black smoke, broke out.

Two A.A. guns were hit and put out of action.

Heavy bombers raided Benghazi where shipping in the harbour was bombed. Several bombs fell near a vessel and a column of black smoke was seen rising from one of the ships.

Motor transport near Barce was machine-gunned.

South African and Fleet Air Arm planes bombed the southern landing ground at Gazala causing fires which were visible many miles from the target.

A number of explosions occurred when Fleet Air Arm aircraft dropped bombs among air-craft on the Sicilian aerodromes of Gerbina and Comiso. From these operations one of our aircraft is missing.

Photographs of munition factories at Licata, which were raided by the R.A.F. on August 30, revealed a number of direct hits and considerable damage. — Reuter.

LEFT WIFE NOTHING

Lieutenant-Colonel Claude Beddington, 72, wealthy yachtsman, left £10,000 to his "perfect secretary"—but nothing to his wife.

His secretary was Miss Margaret Clay Adams. He was killed by enemy action while serving in his yacht, taken over by the Admiralty as an auxiliary.

Lieutenant-Colonel Beddington, who lived in Grosvenor-square, London, left £320,916. He also bequeathed £3,000 to a former secretary, Miss Ida L. Nisbet, and an annuity of £156 to "my devoted and faithful servant Namo Kollasagara."

Apart from a few other bequests he left the residue upon trust for his daughter, Sheila, for life and then for her children.

Miss Adams was secretary to Colonel Beddington for nine years. She frequently went with him on his yachting trips, and he mentioned her in his book "We Sailed from Erixham."

The colonel's wife published in 1929 a book entitled "All That I Have Met."

She has described as among her recreations "taking four languages, helping under-dogs, working for lost causes and shopping at Woolworths and Marks and Spencers."

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A TRIBUTE TO THE glorious troops in the many battlefields of the war was paid by the Viceroy in a broadcast from Simla, to the people of India on the anniversary of the outbreak of the war.

The Viceroy said: "India is awake. She is mighty and formidable, and she shall, if you so determine, be mightier yet. The war, like the bursting of a great dam, has released waters of destruction on the world. The noise of these waters was far off when India set herself to meet the storm.

"In two years' time, the war has rolled much nearer our shores, and not from one direction only. But India stands firm, her young men have come forward for service on land, on sea and in the air. Her factories and shipyards are working night and day to produce munitions and ships, and the world will not forget how, after the darkest hour of the Allied cause, Indian soldiers went into battle on a

December morning in the Western Desert as the spearhead of a great attack, and won at Sidi Barrani our first resounding victory.

"To-day, India is the focus point of nations and territories of the Eastern group. Indian armies have fought and found glory on many a field in Egypt, the Sudan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Syria and Persia. They dealt faithfully with the Italian Empire which lies in ruins.

New Links

They forged new links of comradeship in arms, and they have protected great neighbouring nations against imminent or actual threat of invasion.

"When the tremendous conflict passes into history, their deeds will be inscribed in golden letters on the banners of victory."

The Viceroy also paid tribute to factory workers and merchant seamen, and concluded by saying that the "Nazi and all his works must perish utterly from the earth." — Reuter.

SAVING WEIGHT FOR MANOEUVRE

(By An Air Correspondent)

The new German fighter, the Messerschmitt 109F, at least one of which was shot down over Britain, is a sign of the direction which German technical development is taking.

The plane is a modification of the earlier Messerschmitt single-engine fighter designed expressly for high-altitude operation.

Some information about the new machine has reached Britain, and all of it indicates that the aim has been to provide German fighter pilots with a machine which will enable them to retain the tactical initiative in all combats. To obtain this result the weight of armament has been cut; the aircraft carries only one cannon and two machine-guns.

All the guns are mounted in the fuselage and it has been suggested that this is to give good powers of manoeuvre at height. Wing-mounted guns are said to decrease power of manoeuvre in thin air.

To Heat Guns

Another probability, which in the absence of more precise information I favour, is that the guns are mounted in the fuselage to facilitate the heating. Guns for high-altitude aircraft have to be provided with heating, and the chutes and baffles for this can be lighter and less complicated when the guns are near the source of heat—the engine.

A service ceiling of 38,000ft. has been quoted for the Messerschmitt 109F, which has a greater wing area than previous models, a modification also probably intended to assist manoeuvring at height.

In the aviation world there is a widespread belief that the Germans have accepted that their aircraft cannot at present face direct conflict with the R.A.F. over the British Isles, and that in consequence means must be found for giving their pilots the tactical initiative.

JAPAN'S GREATEST CRISIS

"Japan is facing the greatest crisis in her history," declared Prince Fumimaro Konoye, Prime Minister of Japan, when he addressed a conference of Government leaders and representatives of the country's war industries.

Prince Konoye added: "The crisis can only be met by the complete mobilisation of the nation's power." — Reuter.

ABOLITION OF DEATH SENTENCE

A Government Bill abolishing the death sentence for murder and substituting life imprisonment, and also abolishing flogging, has been read the first time in the New Zealand House of Representatives, says Reuter from Wellington.

ARMED HUNT FOR MYSTERY "OFFICER" IN BATTLE-DRESS

ARMED POLICE, Home Guards and military units were engaged recently in a search for a suspected Fifth Columnist disguised in Army officer's battle-dress.

The hunt has been on for some time says a "Daily Herald" report. It was extended to cover hundreds of square miles in Bucks, Northants, and parts of Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Hertfordshire, and Surrey.

This followed an incident near Newport Pagnell, Bucks, when the "officer" shot at a policeman.

All towns, villages and hamlets in the areas were being closely watched. Roads, by-ways and country footpaths were guarded.

P.C. Snarey, who was motor-cycling between Newport Pagnell and Bletchley, claimed to have seen the man in a ditch.

He dismounted to question him, and the man opened fire. Snarey returned the shot and chased the man through hedges and across fields.

The "officer," however, waded across the River Ouse and vanished in the long grass on the other side.

Twice since then the man, who

haver-sack in addition to the carried a light raincoat, and a uniform, was reported to have been seen, first near Little Wols-ton and then at Ravenstone, 10 miles from Newport Pagnell.

Civilians to whom he had spoken said he is about 5 ft. 8 in. in height, dark complexion, and dark hair, going bald on top.

A man answering his description was seen at Weedon, Northants, on June 2.

At that time he was dressed in officer's battle-dress, with a peaked cap, but without shoulder-pips or gaiters.

He was not wearing the arm colour-patches of any identifiable unit.

The man disappeared again before police could intercept him.

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MARSHAL VOROSHILOV'S VISIT TO THE FRONT LINE

A VISIT OF Marshal Voroshilov to the front outside Leningrad some ten days ago was described in the newspaper "Red Star" yesterday.

The report, dated Leningrad, says Marshal Voroshilov arrived at an advanced position one evening not long before his order of the day calling upon the defenders of Leningrad to fight staunchly for their splendid city.

"During the night a plan of battle was worked out and at dawn artillery preparation began. When the time for attack arrived, a battalion under the command of Denisov crossed an embankment towards a forest.

"A storm of mine-thrower and machine-gun fire proved powerless before the spirited drive of our men, who reached the forest and disappeared from sight. Soon the fight for the village began.

"Retreating hastily, the enemy abandoned their ammunition and equipment.

Occupied Village

"The detachment of Senior Lieutenant Sokolov, a white-haired veteran, was ordered to rein-

force the attacking battalion. His detachment reached the river bank and entrenched there for the night.

"Our troops then occupied the village, throwing the Germans back about three miles.

"Thus day and night our men are heroically defending the approaches to Lenin's city."—Reuter.

QUISLING LIKES CABARET

Aziz Masri Pasha, Egyptian Army quisling, captured with two Egyptian flying officers in a house near the Nile, went to a cabaret every night without being recognised, Cairo reveals.

BILLETING BAN ON WIVES OF OFFICERS

Wives of officers and men stationed in Dorsetshire who have been staying with their husbands billets have been told that either they or their husbands must leave the billets.

This is a result of an order issued by the commanding officer of the division. The order will be strictly applied and officers have been told that in future they must regard the mess as their home.

There has been wide discussion whether soldiers should be allowed to share billets with their families, particularly in defence areas, but this is only the second order made on the subject.

Recently a similar order was made by a commanding officer in the Hertfordshire area.

Not General

A War Office official said that the authorities have no intention of making a general order.

"The matter can safely be left to the discretion of the commanding officer, who knows local conditions," he said.

The opinion of those who oppose wives and husbands sharing billets is that in peace-time soldiers regard the barracks as their home, and the fact that under war conditions they must live in billets should not alter this view of army life.

SOLDIER'S BOTTLE LETTER

A letter written by a soldier who was in a Dubbo (Australian) camp has been received in a novel manner by a young Dubbo woman.

While crossing the Indian Ocean in a convoy, the soldier wrote a letter to a Dubbo friend and placed it in a bottle with two-pence and a note asking the finder to purchase a stamp and post the letter.

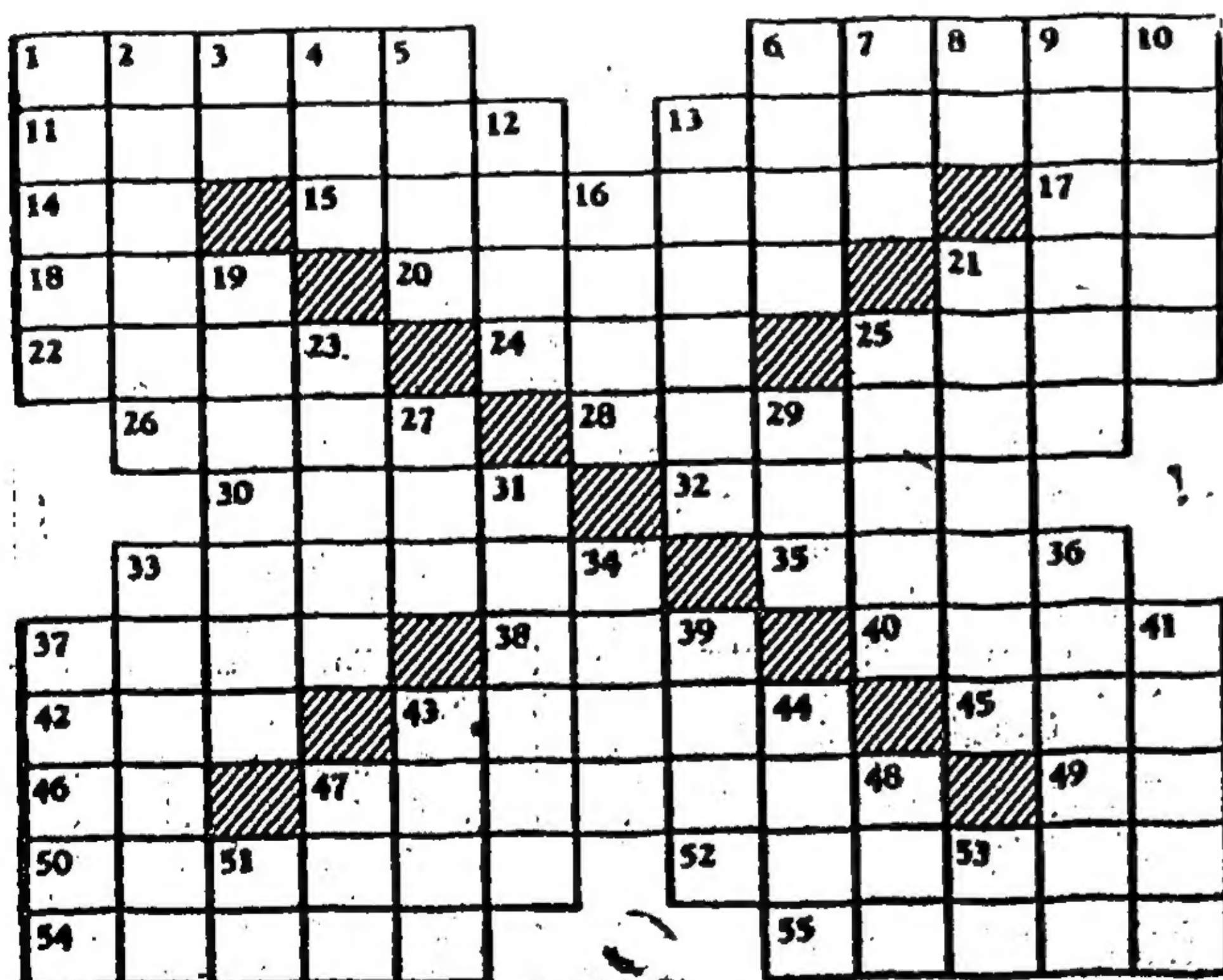
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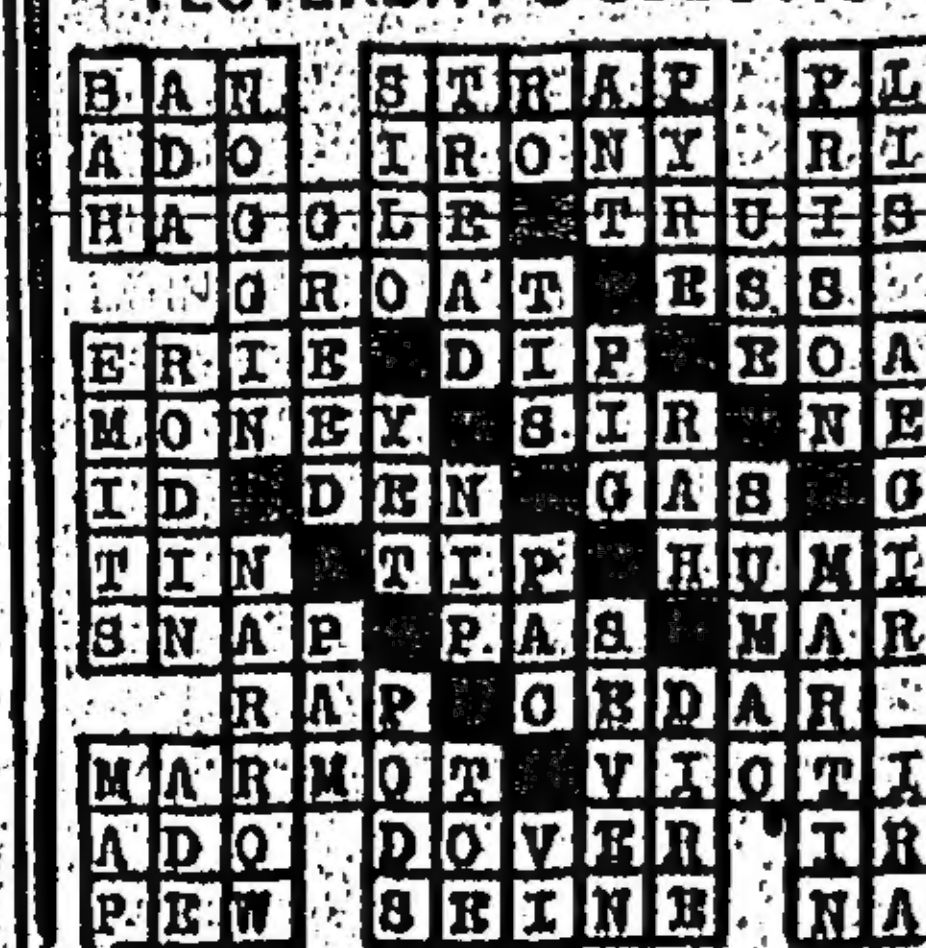
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Commencement
- 6 Burdens
- 11 Armed force
- 13 To enfeeble
- 14 Conjunction
- 15 Sheriff's deputy
- 17 Note of scale
- 18 Swiss canton
- 20 Colloquial: lively
- 21 Rice paste
- 22 To fatigue
- 24 Free
- 25 Cicatrix
- 26 To mend
- 28 Dishonest fellow
- 30 To fasten
- 32 Highway
- 33 Female relative
- 35 Entreaty
- 37 Wings
- 38 To hit lightly
- 40 Girl's name
- 42 Play on words
- 43 Pertaining to punishment
- 45 Distant

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- 1 To treat with derision
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- 3 Interjection
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- 5 To ensnare

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WAR CAUSING CHANGES IN COAST AREAS

FOR THAT large section of the British community which lives alongside water, the war has brought a nation-wide redistribution of prosperity, depression, pleasure, displeasure, opportunity and lack of opportunity, says Mr. R. Mailland Stead in the "Christian Science Monitor."

As an island people, the British tend to live by the sea in both senses of the phrase. But at many places, the section which does so literally and permanently, in order that the rest may do so temporarily at vacation time, is taking a severe knock. Many have gone inland, as a good deal of their trade has gone. Others, unwilling or unable to follow suit, stay put, despite the rapid fall of local trade and Nazi bombs, and the constant threat of invasion.

It is on the east and south coasts that one finds Britain's new distressed areas, the once gay watering-places now prohibited to holiday-makers in the interests of national defence. The forbidden resorts are cut off by police and military patrols from free communication with the rest of the country, and at Whit-suntide, when crowds of sea breeze-seekers went down to Brighton optimistically following peacetime habit, in the face of repeated official warnings, they were met with fatherly reproaches from the law and sent back home forthwith.

Not unnaturally, towns thus affected now wear a faded and a jaded air. After all, a population of soldiers is not a polychromatic asset, and, where there is no such population, the torn billboards of attractions that are no more can be seen even more clearly on the pleasure piers that may no longer be used as sun promenades by the public.

Gay Atmosphere Gone

Gone are the gay blazes and bright frocks of what used to be the nonstop two-day procession along the front; the brown-limbed kiddies building castles on the sands; the icecream vendors and takers of quick-time photographs; the bathers bobbing around in the surf; the military band with its scarlet and blue uniform, and accent on the brasses; the portly gentleman asleep in the deck chair; the fairy lights in the gardens below the cliff; the people at the Grand Hotel who change for dinner; the boarding house gang who don't; the concert-party, the Punch and Judy Show; and all the other twinkling facets that make a British seaside holiday on the popular plan.

The national emergency which has taken away this picture of periodic prosperity from so many places has brought an unexpected boom to others though the shuffle and redeal of the population.

Southwest And West Gay

On the southwest seaboard, and in the west, for example, resorts are thronged as are popular centres in the beautiful Lake District of Cumberland and the favourite inland reaches of the rivers. The rural population has been multiplied by the influx from the cities, caused by air raids and the threat of them and, generally speaking, it is about as hard to obtain residential accommodation in villages and provincial towns to-day as it used to be during the season at the seaside in peacetime.

Formerly, the seashore stood for freedom. Now, it stands for the defence of freedom, which means that freedom is curtailed by decrees or defences and the use of pleasure boats, large or small, is in many cases absolutely forbidden.

Sea For Business Only

The sea itself has become an extremely dangerous place, and the only people afloat on it are those who have to be there, in order to maintain Britain's essential supplies or to safeguard those maintaining them.

For the people whose work lies upon the waves, these are strenuous and hazardous times indeed. Britain has called insistently for

the services of every man with experience of shipping aboard large craft or small, and thousands of mercantile ex-officers, seamen, and engineers who have sailed under the Red Ensign—"the old red duster"—are back at sea. Veterans they may have been once; but the job they are now engaged on is a vital one, and they are doing it with all the enthusiasm of youth.

A great number of these old-timers are in the Royal Navy itself, and many leading seamen aboard many minesweepers and other auxiliary vessels are—or were—trawler-men from the fishing industry which has suffered so seriously through the war at sea, with its machine-gunning of non-combatant vessels, its mine-sowing, its bombing from the air.

Accent On Speed

Their response to onslaughts upon them has been to put themselves in the way of giving it as well as taking it. I met one typical veteran trawlerman when out on patrol with one of Britain's minesweepers. He was old enough to have four sons in the Navy, but in the words of one of the officers, none of the youngsters can touch him for handiness and seamanship.

In the mercantile marine, as at the shore installations connected with it, the wartime watchword has been speed and a great administrative effort has been made to advance the tempo of operations, especially in regard to the turn around of ships in the docks. It would not be true to say that the effort has been entirely crowned by success, because the dockers are traditionally independent folk who value the right not to work almost as highly as the right to be well paid when they are working.

But things are moving a great deal faster than they were, and the sea traffic to and from Britain is piled with an intensity that makes big demands upon all concerned with carrying it out.

Canal Traffic

This acceleration has made itself apparent too on those waterways traditionally associated with slowtime transport—the canals. To-day there must be more highly-skilled navigators on these narrow ribbons of communication than ever there were before since a plan introduced by Lieut. Col. T. C. Moore-Brabazon, Minister of Transport, was designed to offset the transfer of trained canal boatmen into the fighting services by the introduction of sea veterans.

It is another and an unknown England that lies alongside the serpentine waterways, which were the arteries of commerce before Britain's roads were worthy of the name. Scarcely had the canals got into their stride, however, than the railways got into a much faster stride. That put the canals out of business in an age when speed became the essence of the contract.

Bombing Of Canals

War can almost be forgotten, even while sitting on a war cargo, along the canal routes that run far from roads and rail through pastoral landscapes where there have been few alterations by the canal banks since those now-forgotten telegraph posts were put up. Not that the Germans have

HUGE FIRE BREAKS OUT IN SALONIKA

A huge fire broke out on August 24 in the Kalamaria district of Salonika, caused by an accident.

Several buildings were razed and material damage was extremely heavy.

been deceived by this peaceful and meandering camouflage. They have submitted the canal community to some severe ordeals. But the deep-laden boats just glide steadily along.

On the River's upper reaches the houseboats are full of evacuees—and the small pleasure steamers still render possible outings among the beauty spots.

But down river the metropolitan community whose work lay with the catering for pleasure, has been turned to sterner tasks as surely as have been the paddle boats that used to run down from city to the coast and back, and which ran so gallantly to Dunkirk and back, in company with that strange Armada of assorted craft that the waterside community of Britain produced to rescue "the boys" from the bomb-blasted beaches.

WOMEN EXCEL AT SHELL-MAKING

Scottish employers are unanimous that in making shells women munition workers give the greatest possible satisfaction. The explanation of Mr. W. H. Denholm, Divisional Chief Inspector of Labour Supply for Scotland, is that women are not affected by monotonous repetition work. He had seen them turning out six-inch shell and work to a 10,000th part of an inch.

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CHINA MAIL WINDSOR HOUSE COMPLACENCY AND THE FACTS

The tone of both British and American official comment as we enter upon the third year of the war is worthy of careful note. In his Labour Day speech, President Roosevelt did more than issue a stirring call to the people of the United States to put their shoulder to the wheel and to exert the united strength of the nation. He was also very urgent in stressing the utter folly of supposing that the violence of the campaign on the eastern front has lifted the menace from the west. Mr. Brendan Bracken, the new Minister of Information, was equally emphatic in his talk with journalists. Hitler, he said, was Britain's Enemy No. 1, Enemy No. 2, also as yet undefeated, was Complacency.

The fact is that in both the British Empire and the United States there is a very large section of the public which does not realise how heavy and bitter is likely to be the fight that still lies ahead. A great part of Britain is still too unaware of the perils of the Battle of the Atlantic and the narrow margin by which we retain the upper hand. In part arising from censorship designed to keep information from the enemy and in part from a censorship which tends to keep unpleasant facts in the background, this cuts both ways.

The "New Republic" (of New York) said the other week:

"Too long have the Americans been hiding complacently behind the admittedly tough fibre of the British people. 'They are wonderful,' we say. 'They will never give up.' It is true that they are wonderful; but it is not true that they can hold out for ever if their position greatly worsens."

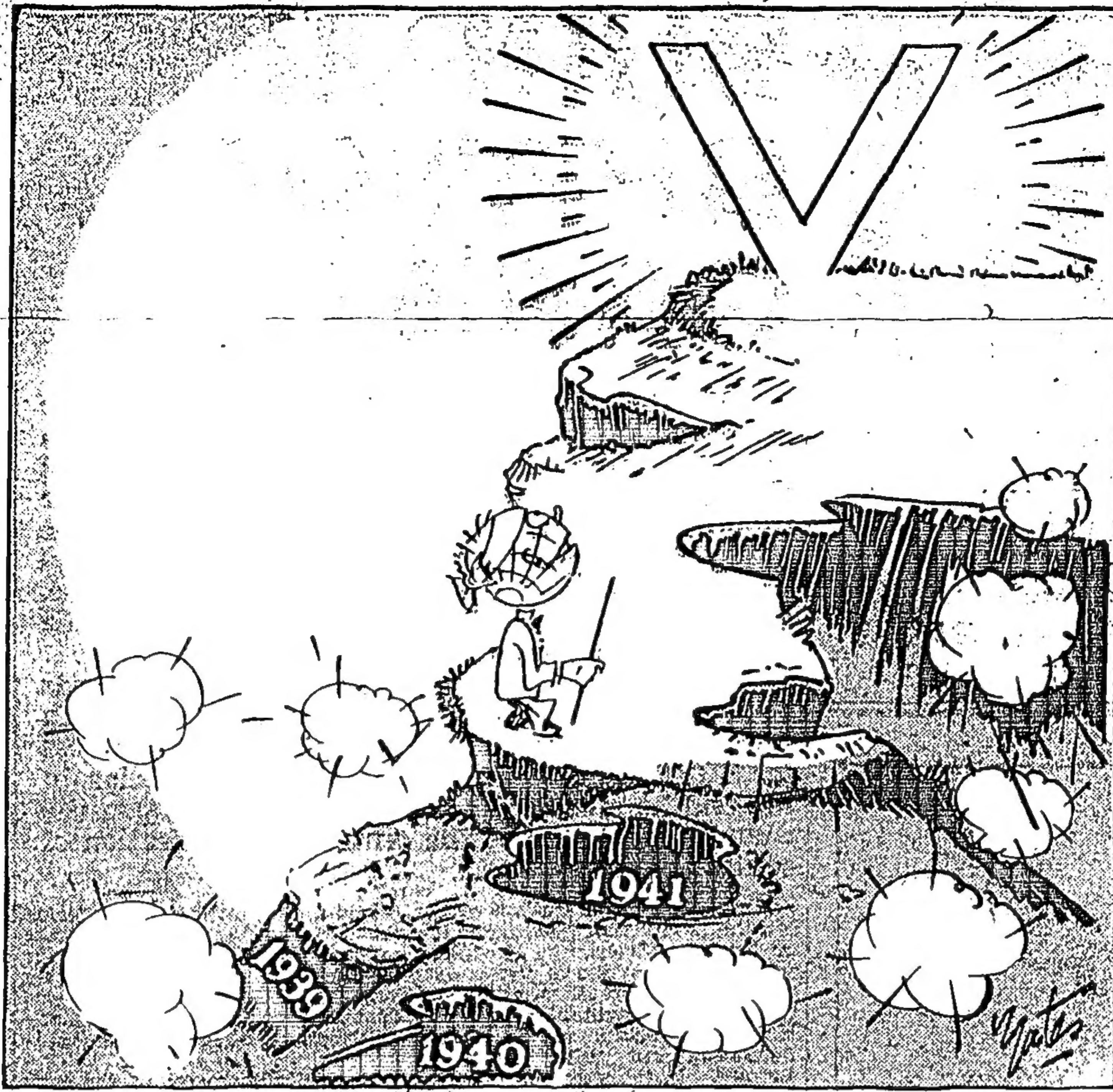
We also have been rather guilty of the same kind of complacency, and some speakers both in England and in the United States have encouraged it. There is no need to overstate, but we have to impress Americans as well as our own people of the truth of the fact that the war will be lost or won according to our own joint efforts. If this were properly understood, and properly explained in the United States there would be no room for members of Congress to argue that no more naval aid is needed because nearly all the munitions are coming through. This means no doubt a livelier sense of the importance of letting the public, British and American, know the facts buried because the fees than most Government for Westminster Abbey departments are blessed were too high.

with. It is time they learned.

TREASURE LOST

The Hunterian Collection, most of which has been lost by enemy action—another "honour" for the Luftwaffe,—is said to have cost John Hunter five times the sum of £15,000 for which the Government bought it for the nation in 1799. So it is not surprising to learn that while Hunter's income rose at one period to £6,000, he was kept poor by his lavish buying. Indeed, he had no fondness for actual practice, preferring the dissecting-room and the study, and would attend to the ordinary details of his consultations and so forth only because it afforded him means of purchasing curiosities. "Well, I must go and earn that damned guinea or I shall be sure to want it to-morrow."

It did not do to be squeamish about methods of getting what he wanted, and it was by bribing the undertaker that he got the skeleton of O'Brien, the Irish giant, in defiance of the order that the coffin was to be sunk in deep water. It is not surprising that he was well thought of by the "resurrection men," for he paid high prices for specimens, up to £500 for O'Brien. All of which, perhaps, gives an additional touch of gruesomeness to Buckland's search through more than 3,000 coffins for Hunter's remains in St. Martin-in-the-fields, where he was buried because the fees than most Government for Westminster Abbey departments are blessed were too high.



THE UPPER GRADIENT

"Germans" In Captivity

FOR the first time for a long while an authentic and impartial account has reached the outer world of conditions in Prague, the Czech capital.

It gives an extraordinary picture—for it shows that the conquerors and captors are in course of becoming, spiritually, the conquered and captives.

The Hradshin, the great palace of the Kings of Bohemia on the hill which is the emblem and symbol of Czech patriotism, is in mournful plight; from its gigantic flagstaffs and windows, on great

By
Douglas Reed

occasions, flies the Swastika, and within it sits the aged and ailing puppet-president, Hacha.

The real headquarters of Prague to-day is the Deutsches Haus, the great Bierhalle down in the town.

The Deutsches Haus, and all the more expensive hotels, restaurants and cafes in Prague swarm with Germans, scores of thousands of whom have been brought to Prague to displace Czechs in the better-paid posts; on any of the innumerable Nazi festivals every Czech house has to fly the swastika, and the purchase of these flags, at 28 marks each, is compulsory; the streets eternally resound to the music of German military bands and the tramp of marching German soldiers, Storm Troops, Hitler Youth and Hitler girls.

"Prague is German!" That was always the Nazi cry and claim.

To-day, Prague is German—in all external things, in flags, language, music, and festivals; Dr. Goebbels says so.

But its soul remains Czech, and the Czechs, reduced to the barest rations of food and clothing in what until March 15, 1939, was the most abundant city in Europe, have withdrawn, shabby and hungry, into their homes.

And yet so the story tells which has now reached the outer world—all this is a hollow sham and mockery.

Prague, like all Czechoslovakia, has become a concentration camp

for Czechs guarded by Germans; but in truth the Germans are living in a spiritual concentration camp there, huddling and fretting under the boycott of the Czechs.

For an ineradicable trait of the German is his longing to be loved, after he has conquered, by his victims; he yearns to be popular with the inferior people he has enslaved and cannot understand it when this affection is withheld from him.

But the Czechs, as all will know who read the story of the good soldier Schwejk and the disservices he rendered to his Germanic masters (then in Austrian guise) in the last war, is a pastmaster in the art of passive resistance, and he is endlessly fertile in inventing new ways to confound and confuse his gaolers.

I remember, when the Germans invaded Prague, seeing a carload of overbearing SS officers drive up to a Czech policeman and ask him the way to the Wenceslas Place: without blinking an eyelid he politely waved them in the wrong direction.

The Germans later thwarted that trick by forcing Czechs to sit beside them on the driver's seat—but the Czech knows a thousand ways that cannot be punished, of making his captors feel ridiculous.

For instance, the Germans recently announced that a great military concert would be held in the Wenceslas Place at 2 o'clock; at 1.30 the streets cleared as if by magic, and at 2 o'clock the German band began to blare brassily and self-consciously in a deserted city.

Thus the German conquerors, lacking the excitement of military adventure, are growing bored and uneasy in an atmosphere of ostracism, scorn and hatred; they may take all the money and all the food, but they cannot have human society, friendly conversation or female friendship other than that which they find at the Deutsches Haus.

And at the back of each German mind is the lurking question, how will all this hatred expend itself upon the Germans, if Germany should after all lose the war.

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**SURPRISES IN
BRITISH ARMY
GAMES**

WHILE WAR is flaming up fiercely in the Middle East the Army at home is training ceaselessly and fighting that insidious enemy tedium, still waiting for the invasion that has threatened since Dunkirk, says Mr. L. Mararsland Gander of the "Daily Telegraph." A whole year has now passed since the people of Britain first felt the peril close, a year during which the Army here has played the unspectacular part of garrison and guard.

Yet the importance of that part hardly needs the emphasis laid upon it by statesmen on both sides of the Atlantic. Logic insists that however far Hitler may press his conquests in other fields, in the end he must turn with all his force upon the island citadel that is the centre and inspiration of continuing resistance.

A year at action stations with-out the stimulus of genuine action or the encouragement of victory is a test of patience; yet it has also been a providential opportunity for strengthening in numbers and equipment the Army defending our vital heart of Empire. In the year the progress has surpassed all expectation. Certainly there is much left to be done and a call for still greater efforts in the workshops and factories, but to cast one's mind back to Dunkirk days is to find great cause for thankfulness.

Then we were straining our resources to re-equip the exhausted, weaponless legions back from France; the B.B.C. was broadcasting appeals for shot-guns with which to arm the new citizen army that had sprung into being over-night — the Local Defence Volunteers, now called the Home Guard.

To-day there is a vast well-equipped regular Army here, supported by a force of Home Guards 1,750,000 strong, whose arms and training are improving steadily. Our Home Guard is, in fact furnished with weapons such as Tommy-guns, which not even our crack regiments possessed in June, 1940.

Equally important, too, there has been time to pass armies newly recruited from civil life through the process of physical toughening which is a sure foundation for the best fighting man. Now thousands more stooping clerks and pallid factory workers are bronzed, straight-backed soldiers performing feats of endurance they would have deemed impossible a year ago.

**What Civilians Have
To Visualise**

The civil population of Britain has had a good deal of instruction as to its conduct in invasion, but still, perhaps, finds it difficult to visualise the circumstances of an invasion. England's green and pleasant landscape in June conjures up no picture of desolation, slaughter and confusion. Even exercises have an air of unreality as tanks rumble sedately along country lanes, spurning, out of respect for the crops, the short cuts across country which they must know how to take.

Mimic War

Yet despite their obvious limitations, much may be learnt from exercises, and a little imagination will paint the picture. It is a picture of seeming chaos, arising from speedy movement and mix-up of opposing forces, which, though it may be limited in its area, will certainly be reality in war. I lately had the opportunity of closely following mimic war fought by 70,000 troops and Home Guards over a wide area of the Northern Command, including part of Yorkshire.

In this exercise the scales were by design heavily weighted against the defenders in order to train troops in dealing with tanks. It was assumed that a complete Nazi panzer brigade had somehow established itself as an organised unit and comprised the northern fang of the pincers, the southern fang being composed mainly of German Infantry.

It was a "battle" full of shocks for invaders and defenders alike. In the first 24 hours the panzer brigade swept through the defences with such velocity that it sur-

prised and wiped out a corp commander's headquarters. But in the process the brigade lost 85 per cent. of its armoured fighting vehicles, and eventually was deemed to have come to a standstill for lack of fuel and ammunition.

Incidentally, many of the men in this flying column were 33, 34 and 35 years of age, and thus showed their paces to younger comrades. According to modern practice they had rushed on regardless of their flanks, and had even left many strong points behind them still held by the defenders.

**Detours Round The
Defences**

The brigadier in command of this armoured force has been associated with tanks since 1916; he had covered 170 miles of wold and dale country in 30 hours before the umpires brought him to a halt. His fast armoured cars were constantly turning up in the most unexpected places, and it was a reconnaissance unit of fifteen cars which gave the corps commander indigestion at his breakfast.

This brigadier expressed to me the opinion that even now we under-estimated the speed and the movement possible in modern war.

He added that a good tank hunter would prove a dangerous man, but he believed that the chief defence would be anti-tank guns and mines. The brigadier had, in fact, encountered many unpleasant surprises in his rapid advance. Some of the secret anti-tank devices suggested that British ingenuity, which evolved the tank, is finding an answer to it. Surprise, complete concealment and simplicity of construction are all illustrated in one device. In the result the jaws of the pincers did not meet.

Nevertheless, despite the numerous traps, the elusive armoured columns seemed to be everywhere, progressing by wide sweeps and detours, often by passing defended villages and sometimes taking Home Guard posts in the rear. Adding to the general mix-up of friend and enemy was the dropping of paratroops by both sides. Sometimes the speed and changing direction of battle caused it to lose all obvious pattern. Aircraft played only a limited part with their machine-gun and dive-bombing attacks, but it was obvious that had they could have profoundly affected the fortunes of war.

**Bringing Attack
To Standstill**

It was regrettable that owing to the limited purpose of the exercise it did not include defence of aerodromes against airborne invasion. Both this exercise and another which I followed recently in South-Western England assumed that the main invasion was seaborne and that the Navy by some extraordinary mischance had been unable to prevent a landing in force.

In these exercises the role of the Home Guard, the subject of so much discussion, emerged clearly. It is to act as a delaying force in considerable depth, holding its strong points and villages, attacking tanks with a variety of cunning, often terrifying, devices, till such time as the Regular Forces and our own mechanised columns come to the rescue.

**SOVIET ENVOY
PAYS TRIBUTE
TO R.A.F.**

A tribute to the "marvellous work" done by British bombers over Germany was expressed by M. Ivan Maisky, Soviet Ambassador to Britain, at a speech during a reception offered at the Army & Navy Club.

"I hope," he added, "that during the autumn the aid given us by the Royal Air Force will be still more effective."

It goes without saying that roads must and will be kept free from civilian traffic. Nor would there be much purpose in civilian flight, for the spreading pools and rivulets of invasion might be encountered anywhere. If the German runs to form he will fling everything into the battle from the start, attacking everywhere he can with unbridled ferocity. After a time, if our best hopes are fulfilled, he will be contained within fairly well-defined areas and the mopping-up process by the defenders will begin.

**Power Of The Trained
Soldier**

Fifth column activity in these exercises has introduced another element of confusion—and also of humour. Bogus military policemen, innocent "soldiers on leave," and even bogus war correspondents have operated in the battle area to keep our troops constantly vigilant for treachery.

German agents must indeed be plausible if they can emulate the feats of these amateurs. The lesson of discretion is being learned, yet, in an official car with a conducting officer, I was "blown up" and riddled with imaginary bullets by the 16-year-old cadets of a Yorkshire college who saw something suspicious in the fact that our car did not carry the flag of one side or the other. Nothing we could do, or say would induce them to let us pass.

Perhaps the most encouraging feature of all is the increasing physical fitness of our troops. They are prepared to march their 35 miles a day with full equipment, sleep under hedges, wade through rivers and then fight at the end. I have seen some of our toughest soldiers, belonging to various regiments and training specially for guerilla tactics and combined operations with the Navy, scaling a cliff with full equipment, including a Bren gun. These men, educated in the complete simple life, combine some of the attributes of Boy Scouts, Red Indians and shock troops.

**Utmost From Every
Weapon**

We are told frequently that men cannot fight against machines, but even the best machines are useless in weak and irresolute hands.

What, then, is the best safeguard against successful invasion, apart from tactical considerations and the multiplication of machine and weapon power? It is to obtain the utmost from every man and every weapon. This was one of the aims of Lt.-Gen. T. R. Eastwood, the newly appointed Army commander, during the recent Northern Command exercise. Afterwards he expressed the opinion that we must make still further efforts in this direction. In addition, it is his purpose to inculcate a spirit of constant alertness, a feeling that there is no end to exercises, that the army must (as, in fact, civilians also must) be ready at any time of day or night.

VICHY BUILDING RAILWAY ACROSS SAHARA

(By A Correspondent Of "The Christian Science Monitor")

(WHILE FRANCE talked of a trans-Saharan railway for 40 years but never built it because economically the project did not justify itself, today the project is being rushed through under Nazi pressure but at French expense to suit the strategy of Berlin.

How this great project, which will bring Nazi troops from North Africa to Dakar, facing the American continent, is being put through by the "slave" labour of impressed refugees and others, was related by one who worked on the line, but managed to escape to the United States).

Across two thousand miles of Africa's greatest desert, one of the world's biggest railroad engineering feats is now under way. It is the outcome of France's collapse and the product of Hitler's desire for conquest.

Colomb-Béchar, lying on the fringe of the Sahara Desert, has been so far the terminus of a railroad running south toward the desert from Oran. It is the point of departure for the trans-Saharan Railroad which will link the Mediterranean with the great West African port of Dakar.

For years this project has been under consideration; but ever since the first inception of the idea 40 years ago, its fulfillment has been postponed. There are important reasons, partly economic, but mostly strategic, which have kept the question perennially alive, but its progress has been barred by the consideration of expense—5,000,000,000 francs as the lowest estimated cost of construction.

Few Economic Advantages

From the economic angle the advantages never were sufficient to warrant this vast expenditure. There are, for instance, the coal fields of Kenadza which have just been linked with Oran when the first extension of the line from Colomb-Béchar was completed at the end of June.

In the past, even with the painful process of mule, camel, horse and some motor transport, about 100,000 tons of coal was exported from Kenadza every year. With the provision of a railroad this traffic is expected to increase immediately to 300,000 tons, and in the course of time it is hoped to top the million a year mark.

Whether this coal can be marketed without a subsidy or a State monopoly is doubtful since under normal conditions sea-borne coal from the British Isles can be landed at a cheaper cost in the Mediterranean basin than the product of the Kenadza mines.

Military Station

Still further south from Kenadza there is Beni-Abbes, an important military station and a trading centre serving the vast potential market for European goods in the African hinterland, and exporting an estimated annual quantity of about 100,000 tons of African produce. At the moment this import and export business has no adequate outlet or inlet to and from the Mediterranean or the Atlantic port of Dakar.

From Beni-Abbes, over 100 miles of desert to Dakar, there is nothing that could justify a railroad except dire strategic necessity.

Before the war, it was the French military authorities who kept the question of the construction of this railroad open. In case of need it would enable French Senegalese troops to be carried safely to the north African territories, even though enemy submarines had cut the route by sea from Dakar.

Built For The Nazis

With the collapse of France, this strategic necessity would seem to have vanished. But since Vichy is not now concerned solely with purely French interests, the railroad has been undertaken under German pressure. Its completion

will enable Nazi-controlled troops from Europe to be carried to the west coast of Africa, from where they can threaten the American Continent without the interference of the British Navy.

The construction of this great railroad is one of the more sombre tales that darkens the black fingers of this war. It is being built practically by slave labour. Twenty thousand men are now working on this project. Many more are likely to be drafted as the prison and internment camps of southern France are combed of their Jews, their democrats and enemies of the Hitler regime. Every sort of person makes up this conscript labour corps—Spanish republicans, unwanted guests of the French since the spring of 1939; hapless refugees from every country and members of the Foreign Legion who joined up to fight for France and Freedom.

Press Gang Method Used

Many of them have been gathered by "press-gang" methods. They have been picked up—in hotels, in lodging houses from Nice to Perpignan—taken to ships, often without being allowed to say goodbye to their families. Others are refugees who fled for safety to Morocco or Algeria, only to find themselves arrested and marched off to the desert labour camps.

In the old-war days, the one great stumbling-block that always stood in the way of this trans-Saharan railroad project, was cost. To-day this is no longer a consideration, when the Nazis demand that it should be done. This conscript labour, which has among its ranks professional men, doctors, engineers, artists, musicians, businessmen, as well as ordinary workers, is paid between one and two francs a day for a 10 to 12-hour day.

Live Like Beasts

Apart from this meagre wage, the French authorities have little else to spend. Normal housing does not exist. The workers work in groups of four; they live in ditches dug by themselves in the desert soil, surrounded by a small embankment of sand to break the force of the desert winds. They cover these holes with strips of canvas to give some semblance of protection against the desert sun. For warmth they are provided with one thin blanket, a flimsy covering where sometimes in the winter the temperature is five degrees below zero.

The food is monotonously inadequate—in the morning—black coffee, a hunk of bread and one sardine; at midday—soup, a small piece of mutton bone, or one egg; at night—a stew made from lentils or beans added to the remains of the noon time meal.

Water, which in some cases has to be brought from distances of over 50 kilometres, is inadequate for drinking and washing. There is no sanitation.

Above all the strictest military discipline exists, under the supervision of army sergeants and corporals, with invisible officers at some far-distant headquarters. For the majority the day's work consists of breaking stones for the ballast of the permanent way.

No Hope Of Escape

Severe punishments are given for offences which are often trivial, such as lack of skill to complete a task. For the majority of these men

SOVIET AIR PLANTS DECORATED

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. has decorated two aircraft plants with the Order of Lenin, and 233 engineers and workers with other orders "for having carried out in an exemplary manner the orders of the Government in the construction of planes and engines," it was officially announced.

The two aircraft factories were the "Voroshilov" and "Frunze" plants.

"CHANGE GOVT."

"One of the reasons for the many blunders we have made in the war is the fact that we have a Coalition Government instead of having the Party system which brings criticism and healthy competition."

Sir Herbert Williams, Unionist M.P. for South Croydon and former Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, said that to Croydon Chamber of Commerce. "In a Coalition Government you get rottenness and inefficiency and men are picked for the wrong reason," he went on. "There must be no critics in a Coalition Government. What are wanted are toadies and yesmen."

"The longer you have a Coalition Government more and more deteriorates the standard of the administration of the country. Half the Ministers of the Crown I would not hire in business at £500 a year. I would not hire half the War Cabinet at £500 a year."

"Inefficiency Appalled Me"

"Because you have a Prime Minister of great genius and capacity for inspiration, that is no reason why his acts should go without criticism."

"It is a real peril to this country that Mr. Churchill should be regarded as a man beyond challenge or criticism, as a sort of inspired demi-god. It is bad for him and it is bad for you."

"I admire Mr. Churchill and I have defended him in debates, but I think he must get a better team around him than he has got if this country is to be better served than it is."

Sir Herbert also said: "We have tolerated in our Government departments inefficiency, which has appalled me."

"Until we get a Prime Minister who will say, 'If you don't do your job you will be fired,' things will not improve."

"I see no reason why the interests of this country should be sacrificed because of men who cannot make up their minds."

there is little hope of escape until the war is over and Hitler defeated. Liberation costs 10,000 francs, requires a certificate of domicile and a contract for labour elsewhere. If any of these men had had 10,000 francs, they would never have been there.

Daily, the trans-Saharan railroad is gradually stretching its steel fingers across the desert. It is being built by the enemies of Nazism, so that the Nazis can more easily spread their menace over Africa and bring their threat some thousands miles nearer the shores of the Western Hemisphere.



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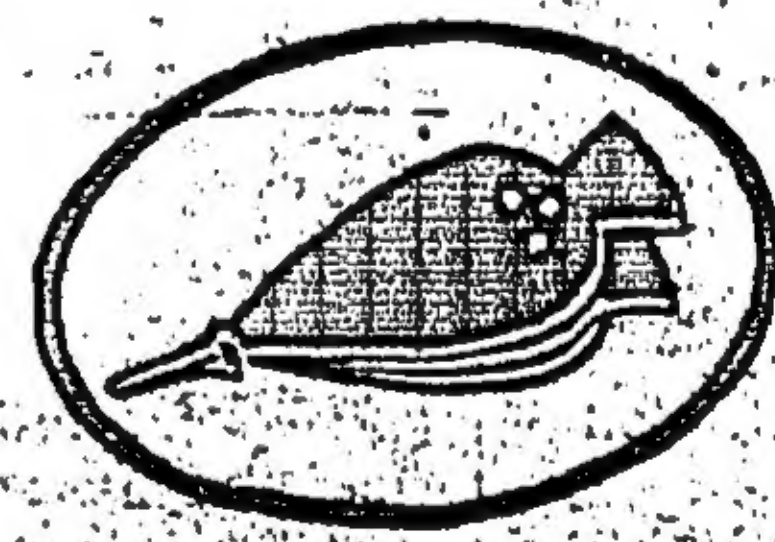
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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
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RECOVERING FROM A BLUFF

By The Four Aces

"It doesn't always pay," philosophises A.M.S. of New York City, "to be too smart. I was so intent on talking the opponents out of a game in spades (which they didn't have, as I soon discovered) that I missed a slam. Here's the hand:

North, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

NORTH

Q 3
A 8 6 5 2
5 2
Q 6 5 3

WEST

A 9 8 4
K Q J 7
Q J 10 8
A 10

EAST

J 10 7 6 2
10 9 4
9 4 3
J 7

SOUTH

K 5
3
A K 7 6
A K 9 8 4 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	Dbt
1♠	Dbt	3♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

"I'm not trying to defend my spade bid (I sat North), but I should explain that I paid more respect to the vulnerable double than to my partner's third-hand bid. Of course, when my partner jumped to three diamonds I realised that our side had the strength. Was there anything I could have done from then on to reach the slam?"

Yes; there were things. North might have done. After South had jumped to three diamonds, North should have realised that South had at least ten cards in the minor suit and was most unlikely to have good support for hearts. So North might have jumped to five clubs right over three diamonds. Then, at least, South would have known his partner had a real club fit with fair high-card strength; and with that knowledge, South might have bid the slam.

Better yet, North could have bid the slam all by himself. How bad a hand could South have for his opening club bid and jump rebid in diamonds? Even his actual hand was little enough (it may even have been a slight "stretch") but was sufficient for a slam. So North could have bid as he did up to his final bid; at that point he should have jumped to six clubs rather than only five.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

A K 10 9 7 6
A 9 4
K 10 4 2
K

The bidding:

Jacoby	Yes	Malor	Schenken
1♠	Dbt	1♥	Dbt
Pass	Pass	2♠	2♥
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid two spades. There is no need to raise hearts at once since you have indicated at least neutral support for the suit by passing the double of one heart. Also, there is no need to jump-bid since your double has shown a strong hand and your partner's bidding indicates fair strength. Both of you should be quite confident of getting to at least game contract.

Score 100% for two spades, 50% for three hearts, 40% for three spades.

Question No. 812

To-day you are Merwin Malor's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

A K 9 7
A J 10 4
Q 6 5 3 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	Yes	Schenken	Malor
1♥	(?)		
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)			

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

Of the people of France 99.999 per cent. are anti-German and 80 per cent. pro-British. That was the opinion very confidently expressed by two Frenchmen who left their country.

In the occupied zone they reckoned that about half were ready to fight the Germans again and that the proportion was increasing. In the unoccupied territory they estimated the numbers to be between 20 and 30 per cent., this also on the increase.

Among the 20 per cent. which they estimated are not pro-British there is, they judge, an infinitesimal proportion who definitely desire to play Germany's game. The rest of the 20 per cent. fear that Britain after her victory will impose on France again the old Third Republic clique, or that British policy will be contrary to French interests, as they consider it to have been after the last war.

If this is to be the position, it is better they argue, to make the best of a bad job now than to be obliged to do it all over again in 20 years after another war. A second blood-letting comparable with that of 1914-18 would, they believe, be the end of France.

The informants laid some stress on the importance of the 20 per cent. because it comprises some of the best and most courageous elements of the French nation. In fact, they are real patriots who really have France at heart. They are almost all Catholic.

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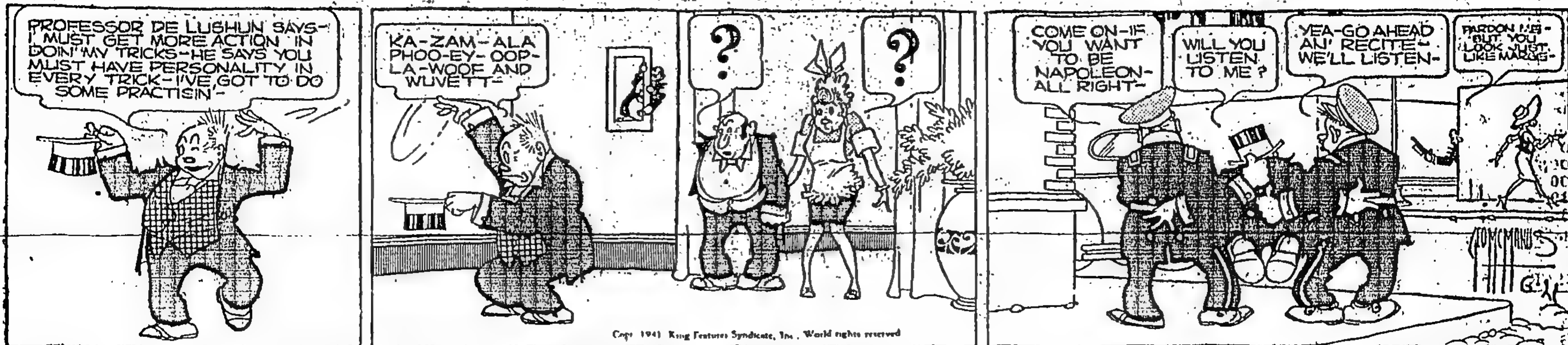
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN KnowledgeOfEtiquette

If I were a young girl, and a bit shy as many young girls are, I would buy myself a reliable book on etiquette and study it as diligently as I had to study history in school! For a knowledge of how to behave in the company of others is most conducive to poise. When a girl knows what to say when introduced, how to eat properly, how to accept an invitation to dances and carry on a conversation she loses much of her timidity.

I ran across a delightful book for young ladies called, "Etiquette, Jr." written by Mary E. Clark and Margery C. Quigley. In simple steps and simple language these two women tell how to become an attractive lady with the most charming manners.

For instance, about the introduction problem. Many, many girls write me that they are shy when introduced because they do not know what to say. One girl wrote me recently: "I keep myself looking very attractive. I groom as you tell me to groom and many friends have called me 'pretty'. But I am not popular because I am shy when I meet boys and shy when I am introduced to strangers. Dear Miss Lindsay, I want friends. What can I do to acquire poise and conquer this shyness?"

Well here is an answer to at least one of that girl's problem, culled from the little book I mentioned.

How Do You Do?

When a boy and girl are introduced to each other, the boy is presented to the girl thus: "Miss Perkins, may I present Mr. Brown?"

A boy is taken over to a girl, to be introduced; the girl is never brought to the boy.

They both reply, "How do you do?"

It is not necessary to say the word "present." You may simply say, "Miss Perkins, Mr. Brown," with the emphasis on "Miss Perkins." The girl's name is always spoken first.

Never say: "Meet my friend!" "Meet Miss So-and-so!" "Shake hands with..." "Make you acquainted with..."

The girl offers her hand if she desires, but unless the person introduced to her is much older than she or very distinguished, she merely bows and smiles and says, "How do you do?"

The boy does not offer his hand unless the girl has first extended hers. The choice between shaking hands and not shaking hands rests with the girl. However, no girl must ever refuse to take an extended hand as that is rank discourtesy.

Knowledge Banishes Shyness

An introduction is simple, is it not? Yes, and all the other little courtesies of good taste are just as simple once you learn them. Rather than hide your beauty at home and feel sorry about being lonely, I advise every timid young girl (or older girl) to learn by heart these little courtesies and then to go out and practice them at every opportunity. In no time at all the poise and companionship for which you longed will be yours.



Charming Anne Baxter, with her ready smile, has won the hearts of many. Anne says: "Once a girl knows the little rules of etiquette she feels much more sure of herself!"

Stop And Think

Get new ideas, even if you do seem to be contradicting yourself sometimes.

Never mind what you said yesterday if you are differently convinced to-day. It simply shows you have grown wiser.

That doesn't mean you have to be a wobbler. Make up your mind to do a thing and do it.

But don't be afraid to throw aside your pet opinions if something happens to give you a new viewpoint.

By changing your mind, you can change your health. Negative

thoughts such as worry, depression, doubt, jealousy, spite, generate a poison in the system and do you physical harm.

The determination to think hopefully, to love deeply, to master petty jealousy, makes your blood run more swiftly, drives away sluggishness, makes you feel buoyant and strong.

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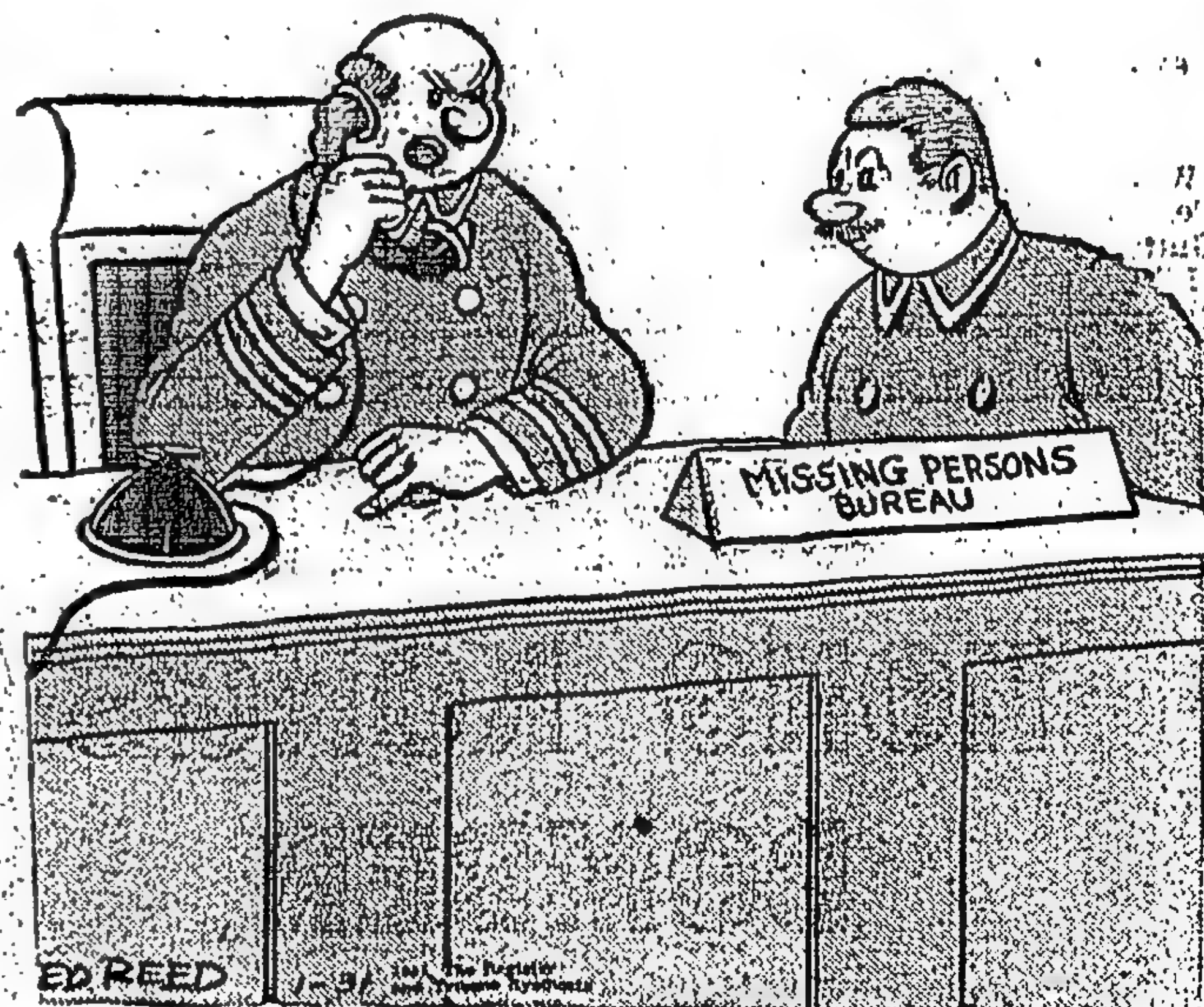
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'NO'—FROM A SCOT MEANS NO

There is a streak of Scottish doggedness in Murdo Mackenzie, who is 55 and comes from Cawdor Nairn, writes a "Daily Mail" reporter.

It earned him a month's gaol when he appeared before Sir Kynaston Studd at the Mansion House recently for not making a return to the Bank of England of £1,900 in Canadian securities.

Ho'ly, Mr. Mackenzie declared that he had told the Treasury all about the securities.

With this, Mr. H. D. Barry (for the Public Prosecutor) agreed. But, he indicated, the trouble was that the immovable Scot refused to fill up the form of registry of securities with the Bank of England. By law this form had to be completed.

The interchange of request and refusal had been going on since November of last year.

Given A Chance

Mr. Mackenzie had declared that he had made all his money in Canada and was so loyal to Canada that he would not transfer any securities from that Dominion.

He said so, added Mr. Barry, point-blank and often in a very abusive strain.

They sent him a summons to attend court. He said he would not go. So he was arrested. And from Cawdor, Nairn, he had been brought that day before the court.

There is a quality of forbearance about British justice. Sir Kynaston invited the resistant Scot to make the return in court—and save himself from a lot of trouble.

Said Mr. Mackenzie briefly: I will not.

He was told he could be fined £5,700 and sent to prison. He still refused.

He was told he was not asked to part with his money, only to sign a form listing his securities. He still said no.

He was handed the form and given another chance to sign it.

At this Murdo shouted defiance at the court and all other authority.

And at that he was taken away to prison.

PILOT'S LAST THOUGHTS

A Sergeant Pilot, Robert Rose, who died on war service last October, left a will which provides £20 for "a binge" by members of his squadron and a like amount for "a cheerful celebration" by a peacetime flying section.

Sergeant Pilot Rawlings, now believed to have been killed in action in the Middle East, wrote a letter, which was only to be delivered if anything happened to him, in which he told his parents "remember me to every one at home, tell them I am proud to have been able to die for them. I will think of you all at the last, not as a mourning family but as a family happy because they have done their share."

Wing Commander Douglas Bader, the legless air ace, baled out over occupied France and broke one of his metal legs.

There was great competition among Bader's big services—the name gave his squadron owing to the regularity with which it swept France—for the honour of dropping another leg for him.

The was done during another sweep over France and it is now known to have been delivered safely.

BOMB GAVE A HAIR-WAVE

A woman in a south coast town had her hair singed and waved free.

An incendiary bomb fell on the pillow beside her and the heat made her hair curl. She was unhurt.

RADIO

TERRIBLE STATE IN SOUTH OF FRANCE

Terrible conditions in the South of France, where Germans and Italians are driving the population to starvation, were described by Misses Alison and Rosemary Fraser, of Sydney, who have arrived in England after being trapped on the Continent since the war began.

Allison Fraser said, "People are living like princes in England compared with formerly exotic Cannes, where children are dying from malnutrition. During the past 10 months, when we were confined in the south of France, we breakfasted on hot water and survived on vegetables."

"The weekly ration comprised 30 grammes of butter, the same of cheese, and one chop, which we divided into sections, giving a tiny mouthful daily. Potatoes, rice, tea, coffee, eggs, milk and porridge were unobtainable."

"Germans and Italians rifled shops, stripped the countryside and commandeered 75 per cent. of food imported into Marseilles. Only when the last dress and shoes are worn to rags can clothes be replaced and it is impossible to make clothes at home because needles, pins and cotton are unobtainable."

"I saw boys and girls fainting from exhaustion in queues, and mothers begging milk on their knees for babies."

"Money does not mean a thing in the south of France, where rich and poor become queue comrades."

The Frasers intend to remain in England doing war work.

PROBLEM FOR JUDGE

In a summons for the construction of the will of Lord Leverhulme, Mr. Justice Farwell, in the Chancery Division, was asked to decide who were the descendants of Queen Victoria living on May 7, 1925, the day Lord Leverhulme died.

Mr. Neville Gray, K.C., for Mr. Francis D'Arcy Cooper (who received a baronetcy in the honours list published recently), the independent trustee of the will, which was dated Sept. 11, 1924, said the main question was whether certain trusts which tied up income for a period, which had reference to the lives of the descendants of Queen Victoria living at the death of Lord Leverhulme, was or was not "void for uncertainty."

It might be impossible, having regard to the recent history of Europe, to trace who those people were and whether they were alive on the date in question.

The ordinary shares bequeathed to the trustees were now represented by £2,991,350 Ordinary Stock of Lever Brothers, Ltd., and additional investments.

There was an affidavit by Mr. A. T. Butler, Windsor Herald, who in 1922 prepared for private purposes a chart showing the lineal descendants of Queen Victoria at that time. He said it was quite probable that some of the Continental descendants of Queen Victoria had fallen into penury and obscurity. The summons was adjourned.

"LITTLE ADMIRAL" MISSING

Grimsby's Little Admiral, Ben Stern, A.B., 18, of Carliane, is missing.

Ben earned his title when, at 12, he wrote to the Admiralty asking to enter the Service. "At the Battle of Oran he was in the thick of the fighting," his father told the "Daily Mirror."

- 12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
- 12.30 p.m.—Schubert—Sonata in A Minor.
- 1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov: Adagio; 3rd Mov: Allegretto.
- Emmanuel Feuermann (Cello) and Gerald Moore (Piano).
- 12.50 p.m.—Some Schubert Songs.
- The Erl King... Alexander Kipnis (Bass) with Piano.
- Gretchen At The Spinning Wheel... Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano.
- 1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
- 1.02 p.m.—Harry Roy's Stage Show.
- Harry Roy & his Orchestra (Recorded at the actual performance at the Holborn Empire, London).
- 1.16 p.m.—Light French Songs by Lys Gauty and Maurice Chevalier.
- Tzinga Diddle-Dee (from film "Beloved Vagabond")—Heymann.
- Maurice Chevalier (Baritone) with Orchestra.
- A Song Selection—Intro: Ca Sent La Friture; J'Aime Tes Grands Yeux; Qui J'Aime; Le Bistro Du Port.
- Lys Gauty with Orchestra.
- You Look So Sweet, Madame (from film "Beloved Vagabond")—Heymann.
- Maurice Chevalier (Baritone) with Orchestra.
- A Song Selection (cont.)—Intro: Le Chaland Qui Passe; Le Moulin Qui Jase; A Paris Dans Chaque Faubourg.
- Lys Gauty with Orchestra.
- Ma Pomme—Fox-Trot (Bigot-Borot-Clerc)—Maurice Chevalier (Vocal) with Orchestra.
- 1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press and Announcements.
- 1.45 p.m.—Variety Programme.
- Comedienne—What Can You Give A Nudist? (Le Clair)—Bertha Willmott with Orchestra.
- Banjo—St. Louis Blues (Handy)—Eddie Peabody with Piano.
- Comedienne—Up Aroun' The Ole North Pole (Hardgreaves)—Bertha Willmott with Orchestra.
- Instrumental—Some Of These Days (Brooks)—Eddie Peabody with Piano.
- Humorous Monologue—The Mayor (John Tilley)—John Tilley.
- Organ—Six Hit Medley (No. 5)—Intro: My Heart and I; A Little Rendezvous In Honolulu (Guitar); Diddle-dum-dee (Vocal) Why Did She Fall For The Leader Of The Band; Alone; Fancy Meeting You (Vocal)—Harry Clouston.
- Humorous Monologue—The Scoutmaster (Tilley)—John Tilley.
- 2.15 p.m.—Close down.
- 6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
- 6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
- 6.47 p.m.—A Dvorak Programme.
- Quintet in A Major, Op. 81—1st Mov: Allegro, ma non tanto; 2nd Mov: Dumka; 3rd Mov: Scherzo (Furiant); 4th Mov: Finale—Allegro.
- Arthur Schnabel and The Pro Arte Quartet.
- Songs My Mother Taught Me—Dino Borgioli (Tenor) with Ivor Newton (Piano, Violin).
- Indian Lament—Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano accomp.
- 7.30 p.m.—The Philharmonic Orchestra.
- "The Barber Of Seville"—Overture (Rossini); Waltz and Finale from "Serenade", Op. 48 (Tchikowsky); Salome's Dance (from "Salome"—Richard Strauss); Hungarian Dance No. 1 and 3 (Brahms).
- 8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
- 8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.
- 8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post"—Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
- 8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
- 8.32 p.m.—Tito Schipa (Tenor) in A Spanish Programme.
- Spanish Dance (Granados-Kreisler)—Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accomp.
- Angela Mia (My Angel—Schipa); Betrayed Woman—Neapolitan Melody (Cortillo-Schipa); Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra.
- Narrative Of The Toreador (Turina)—Gordon String Quartet.
- Farewell, My Granada (Calleja-Barraza)—Tito Schipa with Orch.
- Goyescas—Intermezzo (Granados)—Pablo Casals (Cello) with Piano accomp.
- 9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
- 9.02 p.m.—Studio—"To-night We Present"—A Review of New Records.
- 9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
- 9.45 p.m.—The Lecuona Cuban Boys.
- Blue Rumba—Rumba Bleue (Cresciche & Vasquez); Rumba Fox-Trot—Columbian (Moises Simons); Congo—La Havana, A. Paris (Cresciche); Rumba-Cachita (Hernandez).
- 10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
- 10.15 p.m.—Dance Music and Variety.
- Fox-Trots—Love For Sale; Speak Your Heart—Hal Kemp & his Orchestra.
- Piano—If I Should Fall In Love Again (Poppewell); Vagabond Dreams (Lawrence & Carmichael)—Turner Layton.
- Slow Fox-Trot—There'll Never Be Another You; Quick-Step—The Lady Is A Tramp (from "Babes In Arms")—Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.
- Comedy Sketch—Sandy's Happy Home (Powell & Thomson)—Sandy Powell and Company.
- Waltz—Alice Blue Gown; Fox-Trot—Trene (both from film "Trene"—McCarthy)—Wayne King and his Orchestra.
- Vocal—Soon (from film "Strike Up The Band"—Gershwin); They Can't Take That Away From Me (from film "Shall We Dance"—Gershwin)—Constance Boswell with Orchestra.
- Rumba-Fox-Trot—The Gaucho Serenade; Fox-Trot—Rosita (Her Name Was "Rosita")—Ambrose and his Orchestra.
- 11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"War Correspondents"—Alan Bell.
- 11.15 p.m.—Close down.

POLO CLUB GYMKHANA ON NOV. 1

The Hong Kong Polo Club Gymkhana in aid of the B.W.O.F., which was postponed from last May, has been arranged to take place on Saturday, November 1.

There will be a jumping competition for China and Australian ponies, six jumps, show jumping conditions.

Entries will close on Saturday, October 25, and will be accepted up to that time. Entries should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Polo Club, Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon.

Facilities for practice jumping and schooling may be arranged at Whitfield Barracks on application to the Hon. Secretary. A nominal fee for each pony will be charged.

CENSOR QUESTION BY M.P.

AN ALLEGATION THAT LETTERS FROM PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY ARE BEING CENSORED IN BRITAIN IS CONTAINED IN A QUESTION WHICH SIR WILLIAM DAVISON (CONS., KENSINGTON) WILL ASK IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS SHORTLY.

He will ask the Minister of Information, the result of his inquiry into complaints that criticism of the British Red Cross in letters from prisoners of war to relatives in Britain have been blacked out by the British censor and in what circumstances and by whose authority this action has been taken.

Several questions about the welfare of prisoners of war are down for answer in the House of Commons.

In the House of Lords, Lord Mottistone will suggest to the Government that the non-allotted pay of prisoners of war should be treated as savings and credited to them at 2½ per cent. interest.

NEW NAZI CAMPAIGN OF TERROR

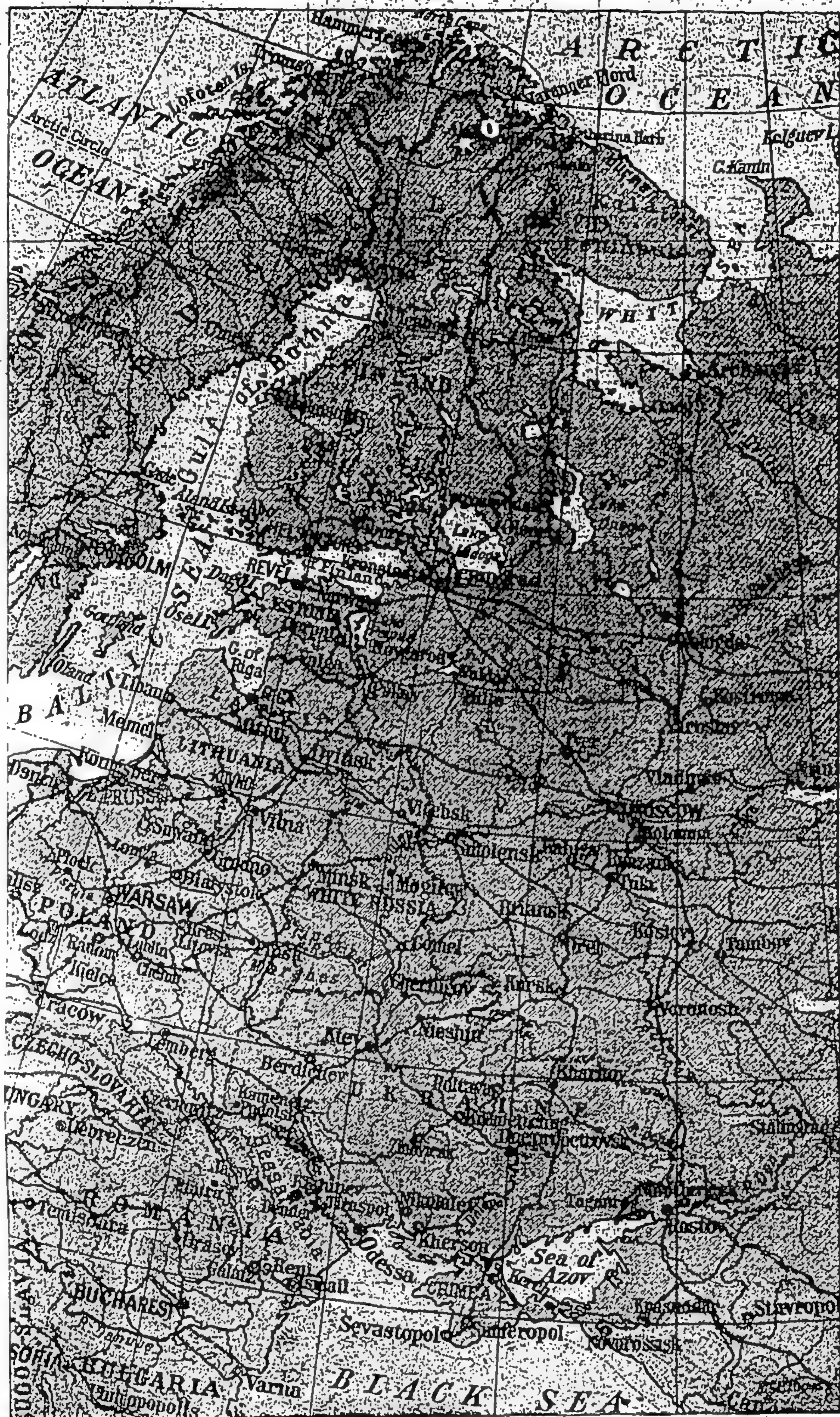
The German Gauleiter Greiser, Governor of Wartheland, in occupied Poland, has added to his crimes one without equal even in German occupations.

His newspaper, the "Ostdeutscher Beobachter," published on June 10 an announcement by the German Chief Attorney in Wartheland that, by Greiser's order three Poles, Kallixt Perkowski, Wilhelm Czarnecki, and Piotr Sand, had been publicly hanged in the market square in Kutno, and one Jew, Abraham Hersz Kantorowicz, in the market square in Wloclawek. They were all charged with delivering granulated sugar from Wartheland to Warsaw and other Central Polish towns.

Greiser's action is declared in the German statement to be justified because the delivery of food from Wartheland to the "General-Government" represents an illegal speculation, which it is in the interest of the Germans living in Wartheland to stamp out as soon as possible. Public executions have therefore been decided on in the hope that they will terrorise those who practice such speculations and contraband traffic.

DEATH PARTS R.A.F. LOVERS

A month after becoming engaged to Miss S. M. P. Coggins, an assistant section officer in the W.A.A.F., Pilot Officer John Piplady Brown, a Spitfire pilot, has been killed.



BOMB DAMAGES CRITICISM BOW BELLS OF EXPERT

More details can now be revealed of damage to London landmarks caused in recent air raids.

St. Mary-le-Bow Church, famous the world over for its Bow Bells, a peal which the B.B.C. at one time used as an interval signal, was bombed and may have to be demolished. It was these bells which were said to have called back Dick Whittington to Lord Mayor of London. The chief wreckage was to the nave and chancel. The western front and steeple was left leaning at an angle over Cheapside.

National Liberal Club, in Whitehall Court, had its grand staircase wrecked by a heavy bomb which crashed through a glass dome in the centre of the building.

St. Dunstan's, in Regent's Park, has again been damaged by blast. The departments there ministering to the needs of the blind have had to find new quarters.

National Sunday School Union has lost its administrative headquarters and publications department.

Old Musical Instruments

Old Devonshire House, the Bloomsbury music museum, was burnt out. It was an example of Stuart architecture built by the third Earl of Devonshire after the Great Fire of London. It housed a

rare collection of harpsichords, virginals and other old instruments and furniture owned by Major Benton Fletcher and recently presented by him to the National Trust.

Alexandra Hotel, Hyde Park Corner, was hit on an upper floor. Several people, including members of the staff, were killed or injured.

Grand Priory Church, used by members of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, was burnt out. The King has granted them the use of the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace.

Bart's Hospital has suffered again. One bomb fell on the house of the Clerk to the Governors and another on a ward block which had been used by medical students.

St. Luke's L.C.C. Hospital, Sydney Street, Chelsea, was also badly damaged. A bomb fell through the administrative block, destroying the medical officers' quarters, the operating theatre and the X-ray room.

Pentonville Prison, — Prisoners and seven members of the staff were killed.

Other places damaged were: Surgeon's Tabernacle, Charterhouse, the Mansion House, Clerkenwell County Court, London Sessions House, I.L.P. headquarters, Toynbee Hall, and St. Mary's Church, Kensington. More bombs also fell in the grounds of Buckingham Palace.

COUNSEL IN A CASE AT CLERKENWELL COUNTY COURT DECLARED THAT SIR BERNARD SPILSBURY, THE PATHOLOGIST, HAD MADE AN "EXTRAORDINARY ERROR OF JUDGMENT" CONCERNING THE CAUSE OF A MAN'S DEATH.

Judge Earengay was asked to approve a settlement of £2600 to be paid by the Finsbury Borough Council to the widow of Daniel O'Sullivan, of Wynford Road, King's Cross, who was employed by the Council as a sewer man, and five of their 11 children, who are under 14.

It was stated that a hospital doctor had told the St. Pancras coroner that he suspected that death was due to Well's disease, a form of infectious jaundice. A post-mortem examination was made by Sir Bernard Spilsbury, who gave evidence at the inquest which led to a verdict of death from chronic alcoholism being returned.

The hospital doctor continued his investigations and isolated an organism, which proved conclusively that O'Sullivan had suffered from Well's disease. On learning of all the circumstances the Council had paid £2600 into court, which the judge said he would apportion.

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NOBLE LIKELY TO MEET AROMIN IN OCT. 3 TOURNNEY

By "Incog."

TWO CLOSELY MATCHED BOXING BOUTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME ARRANGED FOR OCTOBER 3, IN AID OF THE BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR FUND AT THE STAR THEATRE, IF PRESENT PLANS MATURE.

BUX SEEKS FIGHTS IN PHILIPPINES

"YOUNG" IRON BUX, BANTAMWEIGHT AMATEUR BOXING CHAMPION OF HONG KONG, IS CONTEMPLATING A TRIP TO THE PHILIPPINES TO SEEK SOME FIGHTS DOWN THERE, AND TO THIS END HAS APPROACHED MR. "VIC" HUGO, MANAGER OF THE ORIENTAL THEATRE, WHO IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH SOME OF THE LEADING PROMOTERS IN MANILA, TO LEND HIS ASSISTANCE IN FIXING UP A FEW BOUTS.

"Young" Bux is described by sound judges of boxing as a "very promising boy who fights like his father," and when it is mentioned that his father, Iron Bux, is ex-lightweight champion of the Orient and one of the best boxers in the Philippines, where he had won every title from bantam to middleweight, for many years, that should be recommendation enough. There is just the possibility that Bux will be seen in the ring here next month, when the tournament in aid of War Charities is staged at the Star Theatre. His opponent then would be a Chinese boy named "Tony," who is also reputed to be a useful boxer.

When Gene Tunney decided to become a professional boxer he had two ambitions—to make a million dollars and to become champion of the world.

The sports pages will rival the first pages when Villanova starts its 1941 sophomore backfield of Pezelski, Zamlynski, Koproski and Dzitzof.

George Siler hit in 41 straight games but didn't hit a homer. In the same number straight Joe Di Maggio got a dozen.

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It has been suggested that the main event be a 10-round heavy-weight contest between Pte. Moran, Army champion, and Lieut. Millar, Royal Scots, with another 10-round bout in the feather-weight division between Pte. Noble, Middlesex Regiment, holder of the Army featherweight title, and "Young" Aromin, holder of the Colony championship belt. As far as can be ascertained, both Noble and Aromin are anxious to meet each other, but things are not so definite regarding the heavyweight bout.

Not Invited Yet

Asked whether he had been invited to take part in the tournament, Lieut. Millar stated last evening that he had not heard officially yet, adding that he would have to think things over even if he is asked, as he had not been in training since the Inter-Unit tournament some months ago. It will be recalled that at that tournament Millar lost narrowly to Moran on points and the decision was received with mixed feelings.

The organisers of this programme are planning to have two other boxing matches included in the programme, one between "Young" Iron Bux and a Chinese opponent, while Aromin's younger brother, Johnny, will probably figure against a Chinese opponent from "Sky" Lee's boxing school.

Supporters of all-in wrestling will also be catered for as two bouts have been tentatively included in the programme, and it is understood that four of the Colony's best Indian wrestlers will also be seen in action.

South China are extending their covered stand, another 100 feet and will thus be able to accommodate another 1,000 spectators.

Sgt. Whelan, Royal Engineers, has been appointed secretary-manager of Royal Engineers' football teams.

As Hong Kong Football Association have as yet no jurisdiction over the players of different clubs—it still being the close season—South China are issuing invitations to the members of the last Governor's Cup team to play against South China on Sunday, September 21, at Caroline Hill, in aid of British and Chinese Charities.



F. Fowler, who will captain Hong Kong Football Club this coming season.

FOOTBALL REFEREE LEAVING

Hong Kong Football Association will be losing one of their most popular referees when P. O. Marie, R.N., leaves in the near future.

Marie has only been in the Colony a little over a year but has made himself popular with all with whom he has come in contact, particularly in football and water-polo circles.

Marie's first big assignment in the football world was the game between Sing Tao and South China at Caroline Hill, when relationships between those two teams were not of the best, but he handled a tough assignment in an excellent manner.

He has been one of the referees in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation, Water-Polo Tournament and is considered to be one of the best here.

965TH R.A. SOCCER REGISTRATIONS

Following have been registered with Hong Kong Football Association, by 965th R.A.: L/Bdr. Ward, Gnr. Miners, Gnr. Cook, Gnr. Bullen, L/Bdr. Minshall, Bdr. Roberts, L/Sgt. Downes, Gnr. Langridge, Gnr. J. Brown, Gnr. L. Brown, Gnr. Hall, Gnr. Thomas, L/Bdr. Barnes, B. S. M. Carley.

AUSTRALIA BEAT ENGLAND IN CRICKET "TEST" PLAYED AT SINGAPORE

B. A. Barnett, Australian Test cricketer, who succeeded W. A. Oldfield as Australia's leading wicket-keeper, played an attractive innings for 45 runs for Australia against England in a "Test" match at Singapore on August 24, when the Australians won by 7 wickets.

Barnett opened the innings and stayed at the wicket until England's total was passed.

Hailing from Victoria, Barnett has visited England on two occasions, with Australian Test teams, the first time in 1934 and the second in 1936. On the first tour he acted as reserve wicket-keeper, and did not play in any Test, but he was Australia's regular wicket-keeper on his second visit to England.

A. C. Growder, former H.K.C.C. cricketer, was in the Australian team and distinguished himself with the ball, taking 4 wickets for 15 runs. The scores were:

England: 88 (G. W. S. Wallis 29, N. C. Brown 19, C. Milson 13, Growder 4 for 18, Ward 4 for 9) and 94 for 8 wickets. A. P. Cameron 20, J. Williamson 10, G. W. S. Wallis 13, Ward 5 for 15. Australia: 160 for 9 wickets (Edwards 65, Barnett 45, Guard 22, W. K. Jaggard 6 for 39).

LARGE UNIT COMPETITION

The semi-finals of the Army Large Units cricket competition in Singapore were decided recently, the teams qualifying for the final being Manchester and Singapore Fortress Signals.

OLDFIELD NOW A CAPTAIN

W. A. Oldfield, famous Australian Test cricketer, who served as a stretcher-bearer in the last war, has been appointed a Captain in Australia's new Armoured Division.

Manchesters beat Gordons, by 168 runs, the scores being:

Manchesters: 218 (Pte. Wilks 91, Lieut. Gardner 30, Cpl. Freer 29) Pte. Darby 3 for 40 and 234 (Lieut. Fisher 66, Cpl. Freer 37, Lieut. Gardner 63, Darby 2 for 15). Gordons: 121 (Pte. Darby 39, Capt. Duke 23, Howbrook 4 for 42, Oldham 4 for 37) and 145 (Pte. Leach 50, Pte. Darby 32, Howbrook 6 for 63, Barlow 3 for 41).

Win For Signals

Signals beat H.K.S.R.A. by 2 wickets, the scores being: H.K.S.R.A.: 106 (Nelson 37, Gould 24, Holden 6 for 10) and 123 (Nelson 63, Drieberg 29, Ross 3 for 10, Holden 4 for 20). Signals: 173 (Twiddy 70, Churchill 23, Young 2 for 9, Long 2 for 30) and 63 for 6 (Churchill 10, Moorhouse 10, Hill 4 for 6, Stubbins 3 for 10).

CLUB LOOK FORWARD TO BEST SEASON IN VERY MANY YEARS

By "Referee"

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB HOPE TO HAVE ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASONS IN YEARS AS THEY ARE FORTUNATE IN HAVING ALL THEIR OLD PLAYERS AVAILABLE AND SEVERAL NEWCOMERS, WHILE THERE SHOULD BE LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN FIELDING A PROMISING JUNIOR SIDE OWING TO THE KEENNESS ALREADY SHOWN BY A NUMBER OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

Club will, however, be greatly affected by Volunteer exercises if individual units go out during week-ends for training. Whereas Kowloon have most of their Volunteers in Machine-Gun Companies and St. Joseph's in Corps Artillery, Club have members in nearly all the units of the Corps so that they will be affected almost every week.

J. Odell will be greatly missed in goal, though there are several candidates for the position. S. Fowler, Marvin and Eardley will be among these, and of these Fowler will probably be given the position. Eardley will not be able to turn out every week owing to his duties, but he is also a useful back and may be required in that division.

S. Strange will be playing again this season. Fallacy, a Tientsin Interporter, has joined and is understood to be good. While Rowe, who played for Oxford University during the 1939-40 season at left-back, is also expected to turn out. Besides this trio Club have Upton, vice-captain, Eardley, H. Millington and Sloan to fall back on for full-backs.

K. Farrow will occupy the pivotal position, while the wing-halves will be chosen from E. Strange, J. Skinner, and A. Odell. The last-named showed promise at the end of last season of making a good half-back. Seymour, a newcomer, will also be a candidate for one of these positions. Club lack an inside-right in their forward line, in which will be Gardner, of Hong Kong Electric, F. Fowler, Rietsen, and Bickford. Fowler, the new captain, will lead the

attack with Rietsen as his inside-left and Bickford on the left-wing. Gardner, who has played in representative games for two seasons, while with a Third Division side, will be seen on the right-wing. Albert Ege, who has played in Switzerland and Calcutta, is another newcomer who has yet to be seen in action. In spite of great difficulty last season Club completed their fixtures in action.

Second Division, but with the large number of players available this season they hope to do very much better. Club have lost Carr and Lodge, who will be playing for Lanford, and Bond and McEwan, who was injured last season, may be required for the senior team.

Among the players who have promised to turn out this season for the juniors are: Bond, Altkenhead, the Rugby fly-half, N. L. Smith, Dr. Shaw, Roscoe, Gratton (captain), Glehrst, McEwan, Morrison, Gow, Haynes, Kennard, Ainslie and Lockhart. Club practice nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the first friendly games will be against Royal Engineers (Junior and Senior) on Saturday next, September 13.

INDIANS TO MEET BOWLS CHAMPIONS

Indian Recreation Club will be playing off their first Division Lawn Bowls League match against Cringengower Cricket Club on Saturday at Sookumpoo, and will be turning out the identical team that scored a clean sweep win over Kowloon Cricket Club last Saturday, as follows:

A. K. Sufiad, M. B. Hassan, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (Skip), U. A. Rumjahn, A. K. Ismail, J. Hooser and A. R. Dallah (Skip), D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, A. H. Rumjahn and A. K. Minu (Skip).

Joe Di Maggio and Lefty Gomez are the most modern of the Yankee players. They live in pent houses.

Freddy Hutchinson, Detroit farm hand at Buffalo, holds the International League pitchers' and is hitting .330. He often is used as a pinch hitter.

The next meeting of Macao Jockey Club will be held on the Arcola Pistas, Macao, on Sunday, September 21, the first saddling being at 2.30 p.m.

Merry Middleups beat Cyclones in a friendly football game at Caroline Hill during the week-by-14 runs to 13, after an extra inning. Hassan, of Cyclones, scored a home run, while Hollands hit a two-bagger.

ARMY WRESTLING LEAGUE

The Inter-Unit Wrestling League, (Indian Army Style), has attracted seven teams.

The first bouts will be staged during the week-end September 27-28, when three matches will be staged each day.

There will be home and away matches and the League, if the fixtures are adhered to, will not be completed till the middle of November.

The fixtures have been so arranged that each team will be occupied twice during the week-end, once at home and the other time away.

Following are the fixtures for the first week-end:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
5th A.A.R.A. v H.K. Mole Corps
12th R.A. v H.K.S.R.A.
2nd/14th Punjab v 8th Regt. R.A.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Rajput Regt. v 5th A.A. R.A.
H.K. Mole Corps v 12th R.A.
H.K.S.R.A. v 2nd/14th Punjab

The postponed Fourth Round game in the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship between 8. R. Solina and K. M. Omar and S. Eccleshall and J. Shepherd will be played to-morrow.

S. CHINA BEAT ARMY

At King's Park, South China Athletic Association, who have already won the title, completed their fixtures when they beat Army Tennis Club by 7½ sets to 1½ sets in Second Division of the Tennis League on Tuesday.

C. P. Ip and W. H. Ho (S.C.A.A.) beat Capt. Guest and S/Sgt. Webb 6-3
beat Capt. Skipwith and Lieut. T. A. Pearce 6-4
beat Capt. Head and Lieut. J. Pearce 6-3
W. T. Lee and W. C. Hoh (S.C.A.A.) drew with Guest and Webb 6-6
beat Skipwith and Pearce 6-0
beat Head and Pearce 6-0
K. C. Wan and C. L. Lau (S.C.A.A.) lost to Guest and Webb 5-7
beat Skipwith and Pearce 5-2
beat Head and Pearce 6-3

Table To Date

	Sets	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	5	5	0	0	40½	4½	10	10
C.R.C.	4	2	1	1	20	16	5	5
K.T.G.C.A.	4	2	2	0	17½	18½	4	4
K.C.C.	3	1	2	0	8½	13½	2	2
C.S.C.C.	4	1	3	0	11	25	2	2
A.T.C.	4	0	3	1	10½	25½	1	1

Season's Record

Following were South China's results during the season:
beat Civil Service Cricket Club 9-0
beat Kowloon Cricket Club 8-1
beat Chinese Recreation Club 8-1
beat Kowloon Tong G.C.A. 8-1
beat Army Tennis Club 7½-1½

Pairings

Following were their pairings:
W. T. Lee and W. C. Hoh
v Civil Service Cricket Club 3-0
v Kowloon Cricket Club 3-0
v Chinese Recreation Club 2-1
v Kowloon Tong G.C.A. 3-0
v Army Tennis Club 2½-0½
K. H. Ip and W. H. Ho
v Kowloon Tong G.C.A. 3-0
v Chinese Recreation Club 3-0
S. C. Dew and B. Szeto
v Chinese Recreation Club 3-0
v Kowloon Tong G.C.A. 2-1
S. T. Lee and M. C. Wong
v Civil Service Cricket Club 3-0
W. H. Ho and Szeto Bick
v Civil Service Cricket Club 3-0
W. H. Ho and K. C. Wan
v Kowloon Cricket Club 2-1
K. H. Ip and Szeto Bick
v Kowloon Cricket Club 3-0
K. C. Wan and C. L. Lau
v Army Tennis Club 2-1
C. P. Yip and W. H. Ho
v Army Tennis Club 3-0

MEDICALS WIN OVER ROYALS

Royal Army Medical Corps "B" beat Royal Scots by 2 points to 1 in "B" Division of Army Tennis League at Sookunpoo on Tuesday.

L/Sgt. Alsey and L/Cpl. Glassgow (R.S.) beat Sgt. Parkin and Sgt. Fortneil, 6-1, 6-3.

L/Cpl. Downing and Pte. Ross (R.S.) lost to Sgt. Smith and Pte. Langley, 5-7, 4-6.

Cpl. Oaton and Pte. Gilroy (R.E.) lost to S/Sgt. Shorthouse and L/Cpl. Watt, 3-6, 3-6.

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
12th R.A.	33	30	3	30
Royal Scots	36	30	6	30
R.A.M.C. "A"	33	26	7	26
R.A.M.C. "B"	33	24	9	24
36th R.A.	36	24	12	24
R.A.O.C.	33	18	15	18
5th A.A., R.A.	33	16	18	15
R.E.	33	14	19	14
Middlesex	27	12	15	12
R. Signals	30	12	18	12
24th R.A.	36	12	24	12

ARMY TENNIS RESULTS

Following are the latest results in the Army Tennis Championships:

Other Ranks Singles: Sgt. Martin beat S/Sgt. Adams; Sgt. Webb beat Pte. Gilling; S/Sgt. Mogson beat Pte. Willis; Sgt. Munson beat Cpl. Watt.
Army Singles: S. A. Hussain beat Pte. Ross.

Bryan Grant, Atlanta's little tennis star, says this is his last season in tournament play.

All Tennis League matches arranged for yesterday were postponed owing to the rain which fell early in the afternoon.

COLONY AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Intending competitors are reminded that entries for the Annual Colony Swimming Championships, to be held at Victoria Recreation Club on September 25 and 27, and October 2 and 4, close on Saturday, September 6, at 5 p.m.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Kowloon Golf Club, postponed from last Thursday, will be held this evening at the Clubhouse, Kowloon City, at 6 p.m.

Formerly a champion diver, Jack C. Ledford of Columbus, Ohio, is now learning power dives from 15,000 feet. He's a Flying Cadet receiving basic flight training at Randolph Field, Texas. Ledford placed sixth in the national diving championship tournament last year while a student of Ohio State.

RUMJAHN CLOCKED AT 70.8

HIGHLIGHT OF THE MEMBERS' SWIMMING GALA AT VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB LAST EVENING WAS A. K. RUMJAHN'S FINE EFFORT IN THE 100 YARDS BACK-STROKE EVENT WHEN, STARTING AT 26, HE FINISHED SECOND TO H. REYNOLDS (16) IN THE EXCELLENT TIME OF 70 4/5 SECONDS.

This is particularly interesting in view of the reports that Rumjahn will be going all out to break the 70 seconds mark at the forthcoming Colony Championships.

Miss Celeste Gutierrez also showed up very prominently when she was paced by C. Marcal in the 50 Yards free-style "A" Class (Ladies) event as there were no other entries. She returned 32-2/5 seconds, while it was due mainly to her efforts that "Blühmeis" won the mixed relay race.

Miss Gutierrez was third to swim for her team and up to that stage they were trailing some 10 yards, but she not only made up that distance but actually gave the next swimmer a full yard advantage.

The results were:—
Boys' 100 Yards free-style Handicap: 1. J. Anderson, Jr.; 2. C. Gutierrez; 3.

J. Roza-Pereira. Time: 70-3/5 secs.
Girls' 50 Yards free-style Handicap: 1. Miss Myra Noronha; 2. Miss T. Yvanovich; 3. Miss Yvonne Yolie. Time: 42-1/5 secs.
Members' 100 Yards back-stroke Handicap: 1. H. Reynolds (16); 2. A. K. Rumjahn (26); 3. L. Roza-Pereira (23). Times were 80-1/5, 70-4/5 and 74-2/5 secs. respectively.

Girls' 50 Yards free-style Handicap, "A" Class: 1. Miss Celeste Gutierrez. Time: 32-2/5 secs.

Members' 50 Yards free-style Handicap, "B" Class: 1. N. Broadbridge; 2. J. Roza-Pereira; 3. F. M. Britto. Time: 31-1/5 secs.

Boys' 100 Yards breast-stroke Handicap: 1. B. Pomeroy; 2. J. Roza-Pereira. Time: 04-1/5 secs.

Members' 220 Yards free-style Handicap: 1. L. M. Remedios; 2. Kenneth Lo; 3. C. Silva-Netto. Times were 2-50-3/5, 2-50 and 2-50-2/5 secs. respectively.

Girls' 20 Yards free-style Handicap: 1. Miss Laura Nolasco; 2. Miss M. Gutierrez; 3. Miss T. Noronha. Time: 19-2/5 secs.

Members' Diving Handicap: 1. P. Jorge; 2. R. Ribeiro; 3. G. Saunders.

Girls' 50 Yards back-stroke Handicap: 1. Miss M. Gutierrez; 2. Miss Y. Yolie; 3. Miss M. Noronha. Time: 42-2/5 secs.

Boys' 50 Yards back-stroke Handicap: 1. G. Rossetti; 2. C. Gutierrez; 3. J. Roza-Pereira. Time: 41-1/3 secs.

Girls' 50 Yards breast-stroke Handicap: 1. Miss Myra Noronha; 2. Miss C. Monteiro; 3. Miss Y. Yolie. Time: 41-2/5 secs.

Members' 50 Yards breast-stroke Handicap: 1. A. Alves; 2. J. A. Marques; 3. C. Marcal. Time: 35-2/3 secs.

Mixed Relay Race: 1. "Blühmeis" (L. Vieira, P. Jorge, T. Lockhart, Miss C. Gutierrez and F. A. Noronha).

DID YOU KNOW?

Detroit have never finished last in the American League. St. Louis have never won a pennant in that league.

Baseball rules forbid a catcher to block the plate unless he has the ball. The rules are broken almost every day.

Next year's national all-star baseball game may find the players attired in special uniforms. They have to date worn their own uniforms.

Bill McGannon, who starred at Notre Dame, will probably play tail-back for the Chicago Cards this Autumn. He has been signed.

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NAZI INVINCIBILITY MYTH FINALLY BROKEN

Sir Archibald Sinclair's War Review

NO PACIFIC "CHARTER MEETING"

Supplementing the White House's denial that President Roosevelt has received an invitation to meet the Japanese Premier, Prince Konoye, on the high seas, the President's secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, yesterday said: "The only sea trip projected for the President is from Annapolis down the Chesapeake and up the Potomac to Washington, and any suspicious reporters may hire boats to follow the President's yacht."—Reuter.

SLID DOWN HOSES

Firemen slid down their hoses to escape the flames during a fire at Edinburgh book-binding premises. A crashing chimney stack injured one fireman.

Axis Shipping Losses More Than Ours

"THE SPELL OF German invincibility, which paralysed the will of the world a year ago, has now been finally broken," declared the British Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, in a speech at a luncheon in London yesterday.

He was replying to a message from the King, which read: "The two hard years that lie behind us have left us all unshaken in our determination to see justice and freedom re-established throughout the world and I cordially appreciate the loyal assurances of all who are present at your gathering to-day."

Points from Sir Archibald Sinclair's speech were:

"Our bombers got to Berlin on Tuesday night and hit the city hard."

There could be no doubt, he added, that the Germans were fully aware of the Prime Minister's words. "This is only the beginning."

The New Bombs

Photographs showed widespread destruction wherever Britain's new bombs fell and they would go on falling more and more, night after night, until the German people, shattered and disillusioned, saw

for the second time that war was not worth while.

Such was Britain's plan and there was big progress in the advance towards achievement. HE SAID THE R.A.F. WERE INFLECTING ON THE GERMANS AND ITALIANS GREATER SHIPPING LOSSES THAN THEY WERE INFLECTING ON BRITAIN.

"They are getting a double dose of the medicine which Hitler prescribed for us."

"In July we damaged or destroyed 92 Axis ships in the North Sea, the Adriatic and Mediterranean, amounting to 468,000 tons, and 52 ships in addition of unknown tonnage."

Turning Point

"The Coastal Command is transferring the Battle of the Atlantic from the German attack on British shipping into a British attack on German shipping, and victory in this battle will be the turning point towards victory in the war."

The Battle of the Atlantic would require, probably for some time to come, an immense concentration of attention and effort to frustrate the German attacks.

"That it is not going too badly for us, however, is shown by the fact, firstly, that sinkings of British ships in July were the lowest in any months for more than a year, and, secondly, during the last 10 weeks the average weekly rate of merchandise imported from overseas exceeded 850,000 tons."

Bomber Attacks

Referring to German night-bomber attacks over Britain, Sir Archibald said their casualties, when they broke off bombing to attack Russia, were on some nights over 10 per cent.

He said Britain must expect a renewal of German night attacks but the Germans would pay dearly.

The British daylight offensive kept large forces of German fighters on the western front which otherwise would have been fighting against the Russians.

The R.A.F. was working night and day in an unremitting offensive to support our Russian ally who was fighting so magnificently.

The R.A.F. would grudge no sacrifice to help them.

Winning The War

"OUR ADMIRATION FOR THE RUSSIANS' DOGGED FIGHT IS UNBOUNDED BUT RUSSIA WON'T WIN THE WAR FOR US."

"OUR GRATITUDE TO THE UNITED STATES FOR ALL SHE IS DOING AND PROMISES TO DO IS UNBOUNDED BUT THE UNITED STATES WON'T WIN THE WAR FOR US."

"Our chief danger is a ten-

dency to relax our efforts when our prospects improve, to think that somebody else will make an effort and sacrifice and win the war for us."

"Complacency is our greatest danger to-day. For victory we must rely on ourselves."

Sir Archibald said that Axis air losses for the two years of war totalled 3,020 against 3,020 lost by the R.A.F.

IN ADDITION THE AXIS HAD LOST 4,000 PLANES IN THE RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN.—REUTER.

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GIRL CHARGED AS SPY

On charges of conspiracy to violate the Espionage Act three men and an 18-year-old girl were indicted in New York yesterday as part of the Government drive to break up an international spy ring.

Federal agents said the ring is operating in the United States, Spain, Portugal and Germany.

Defendants are charged with gathering and transmitting to their colleagues in Europe information about the movements and disposition of the American forces as well as pictures and sketches of strategic points on the eastern seaboard.

All four are in custody. Their names are Kurt Frederick Ludwig, named as ringleader, American-born of German parents, Hans Pagel, German-born, entered the U.S.A. in 1931, Frederick Edward Schosser, 19, native of New York, and Miss Lucy Boehmle, born in Stuttgart, entered the U.S.A. in 1939.

The indictment charged Ludwig with having taken photographs for Germany for which that country paid him.

Meanwhile the trial of 16 others, charged with espionage, opened in the Federal Court at Brooklyn yesterday.—Reuter.

MORE CANADIANS ARRIVE

Thousands of Canadian soldiers arrived in England yesterday to join the Canadian forces.

With them came American volunteers and more American nurses, and they were welcomed by Rear-Admiral Sir Arthur Bromley and Major-General T. J. Price, commanding the Canadian forces in England.

A message from Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, was read by General Price. It said: "You have come to Britain to help in breaking the bonds that now enslave so many countries in Europe.

"In this island you will be defending the citadel of freedom. No greater honour could fall to your lot." — Reuter.

Large-Scale War Anniversary Reminder To Huns

ENORMOUS EXPLOSIONS CAUSED BY THE HEAVIEST BOMBS AND A VERY LARGE FIRE NEAR ONE OF THE MAIN RAILWAY STATIONS, WERE OBSERVED BY THE CREWS OF BRITISH BOMBERS WHICH VISITED BERLIN ON TUESDAY NIGHT.

At times, says the Air Ministry news service, there were clouds all round the outskirts of the city but over the city itself there were clearer patches.

The ring of clouds was so close that the low moon cast shadows from them on Berlin.

By skilful navigation four-engined Stirlings and Halifaxes, weight-carrying Manchesters and a number of Hampdens were brought over the sea of cloud to the exposed capital.

The navigator of a Halifax said searchlights were trying to pick them up all the way. There seemed to be about 50 in one bunch.

Shells burst close to some of them, sending out clouds of smoke. One bit of shell hit the bomb doors.

Until the bomber was within a few miles of Berlin the crew thought they were going to be disappointed so thick were the clouds, but then they flew into a sudden clearing.

The Spree

"We saw the River Spree and so found our way right into the city. We dropped our bombs and saw them burst among industrial buildings and left fires burning."

The captain of a Stirling said that just after they crossed the Dutch frontier they began having trouble with the inner port engine. Oil poured out of it.

They carried on, however, until they got to Berlin where they saw other bombers being engaged by searchlights and guns.

They slipped in while the others were being engaged and got very little opposition except when coming out.

"Hell Of Explosion"

"We ran right across the city from south-west to north-east and dropped our bombs. Fire sprang up almost immediately and a very good fire too, in the centre of the city. The rear-gunner could see it for 15 minutes afterwards.

"SOMEBODY ELSE MUST HAVE BOMBED OUR FIRE BECAUSE WE SAW SEVERAL MORE EXPLOSIONS IN IT.

"Then after a time we saw a hell of a great explosion and another fire started."

When they turned for home the inner port engine was smoking badly and was in danger of catching fire, then the oil pressure went right down, so they cut the engine out and came home on three engines.—Reuter.

BERLIN SHAKEN ALL NIGHT

The latest pounding from the R.A.F. was described in the American press in front page stories yesterday, with huge full-width streamers.

"Heaviest R.A.F. raid smashes at Berlin," says the "New York Journal and American."

"Berlin shaken all night by terrific R.A.F. raid," says the "New York World-Telegram."

Stories describe buildings and windows shaking and rattling all night, and some papers express the belief that Russian planes may have participated with the R.A.F. in the raid.

It is reported that the roar of the planes was audible even above the "terrific" gunfire.—Reuter.

POLITICAL PROPAGANDA

FOLLOWING REPORTS THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS FORMED A POLITICAL PROPAGANDA DEPARTMENT FOR FOREIGN BROADCASTS. IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT THAT AN EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO UNIFY THE DIRECTION OF POLITICAL WARFARE.

Plans are not yet complete. In any case a certain part of the organisation must necessarily be secret and no announcement will therefore be made regarding personnel.—Reuter.

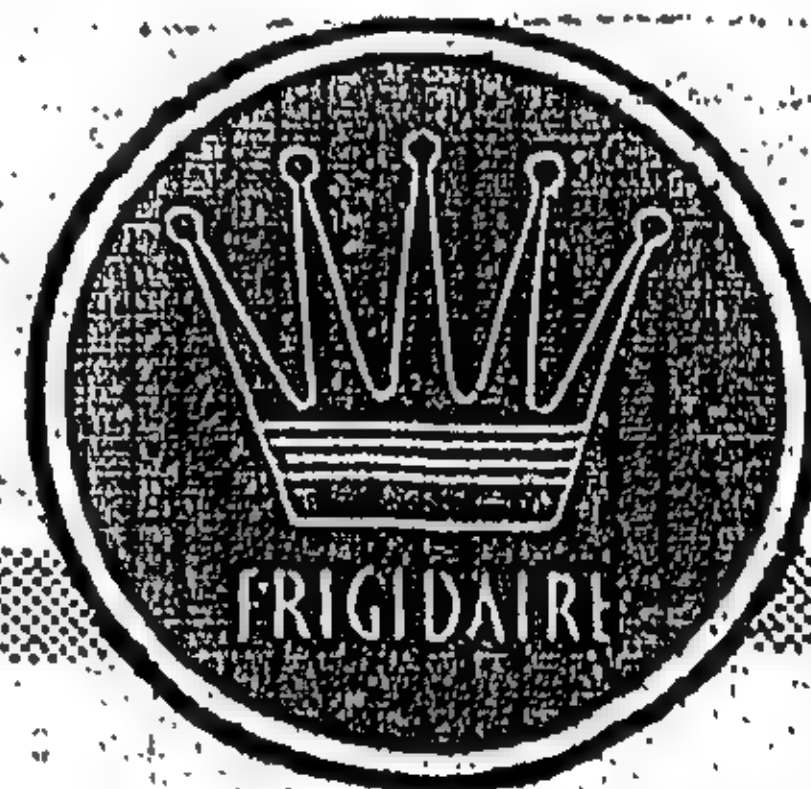
SERBIAN PUPPET SET UP

Finding themselves completely impotent in the face of resolute guerrilla warfare in all parts of Serbia, the German authorities have now hit upon the expedient of forming a puppet government under General Neditch, thus trying to enlist popular support.

The German authorities also announced the intention of organising a Serbian army and introducing compulsory labour, hoping in this way to prevent abed-bodied inhabitants from forming increasing guerrilla bands.

Simultaneously they are pursuing terrorist measures and the latest atrocities, according to information reaching authoritative Yugoslav circles in Jerusalem, include the shooting of seven intellectuals from Aleksinatz, including a woman teacher and a judge charged of having Communist sympathies, and ordering the execution of another seven from various towns for "subversive activities."

Effect of these measures has only been to exacerbate public feeling still further and cause irreconcilable hostility to the alleged new "government."—Reuter.



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NAZI STRATEGY IN RUSSIA

May Swing Back To Britain Before Winter

GERMANS THROWN BACK

The Germans have been hurled back 30 miles as a result of Russian counter-attacks in a 10-day battle, according to a report by Battalion Commander Visolostrobsky in the Army organ "Red Star."

THIS REPORT STATED THAT 22 VILLAGES HAD BEEN RECAPTURED AND A GERMAN SALIENT "DRIVEN IN."

Scene of the battle was not disclosed but was possibly on the central front.

The population of the recaptured villages are now rebuilding bridges and hastily harvesting the rye which stood too long during the German occupation.

They can be seen busy in the fields while the front is only a very few miles away.

An occasional shell drops in retaken territory.

Russian troops are searching for Germans in the villages with the help of villagers.—Reuter.

U.S. SHIP BUILDING SPEED-UP

The United States shipping programme is ahead of schedule, according to Rear-Admiral Emory Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission, at his press conference yesterday.

He predicted that new ships totalling about 12,410,000 tons deadweight would be placed in operation between the beginning of last July and the end of 1943.

These figures did not include 105 vessels in commission which had been delivered up to today or additional small vessels and craft for which the Commission was contracting.—Reuter.

Tremendous Exertions On The Entire Battlefront

(By "Annalist")

WITH THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER DRAWING NEAR THE GREAT CLASH OF ARMS ON THE EASTERN FRONT IS REACHING THE POINT WHERE DECISIONS OF VITAL CONSEQUENCE TO THE FUTURE COURSE OF THE WAR WILL BE REACHED.

Both sides are straining every nerve, taxing their immediate resources to the limit to turn these decisions to their own advantage, but the fiercer the exchanges in the air and on land, the fewer authentic details reach the outside world from the churned up spaces where the world's two greatest armies are at each other's throat.

Both the German and Soviet High Commands keep their own counsel in the briefest two-line communiques and in London authoritative quarters declare once again that official news is lacking and comment merely that there is no confirmation of an big change anywhere, either at the scene of the German offensive around Leningrad or in the central and southern sectors, where the Russians are reported to be persisting in their counter-attacks.

IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, WITH THE STEADY APPROACH OF WINTER TO VISUALISE THE MAIN AUTUMN PURPOSES OF THE GERMAN STRATEGY.

They are the capture of Leningrad, Kiev, Odessa and even Moscow, with the object of fixing the front for the winter, with Russian naval, military, industrial and political strength seriously weakened so that other campaigns can be pursued notably in the eastern Mediterranean and North Africa together, it is even possible, with a limited invasion of Britain designed to pin down and weaken the R.A.F.

Invasion Threat

The time table for a serious invasion of Britain this year has undoubtedly been upset.

IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT THE GERMANS PLAN TO SWITCH BACK TO NORTH-WEST EUROPE SUFFICIENT OF THEIR AIR FORCE TO MOUNT ANOTHER NIGHT BLITZ ON ENGLAND. ACCOMPANIED BEFORE WINTER BY THE USE OF SOME AIRBORNE DIVISIONS IN LANDINGS TO DESTROY SELECTED R.A.F. AERODROMES AND OTHER VITAL OBJECTIVES.

That these divisions will be certainly committing suicide will be no deterrent to the German High Command should they consider the damage they are likely to inflict before they are rounded up, killed or captured, worth the risk.

Six Weeks

Factors against such a venture, however, are the effect such an indecisive "invasion" will have on the minds of the sorely-tried German population and the time required to mount it.

Since their bomber and transport force on the western front is down to bed-rock, it would take them at least six weeks, it is estimated, to prepare.

The answer to the threat of a fresh German initiative, whenever shown, is in the hands of Russia, Britain — and America.—Reuter.

Pressure Increasing

Although both the Russian and German communiques are extremely reticent regarding details of the fighting, unofficial reports all emphasise that the pressure of the German forces is increasing against Leningrad.

Claims are made by German war correspondents that their forces are within 15 miles of the second city in Russia but informed opinion in London says there is no confirmation of any large change in the line either in the Leningrad or Gomel and Kiev sectors.

The fall of Tallinn, reported in the Russian midnight communique, is part of an independent operation and could have no immediate effect on the Leningrad offensive.

The territory round Leningrad is stated to be of a marshy character and unsuited to speedy advance by German mechanised units.—British Wireless.

ABOLITION OF DEATH SENTENCE

A Government Bill abolishing the death sentence for murder and substituting life imprisonment, and also abolishing flogging, has been read the first time in the New Zealand House of Representatives, says Reuter from Wellington.

VICHY AIR CHIEF CHANGES VIEW

General Bergeret, Vichy aviation chief, who, it was reported two months ago, believed Germany would win the war, recently expressed the conviction in conversation that Germany is bound to lose owing to eventual fuel shortage, says Reuter from the French frontier.

THE STORY OF A CAMEL

The following little story has reached India from a correspondent in the Sudan:—

An army truck, driven by an Indian soldier, was travelling across a bridge in Port Sudan. There was a slight traffic jam, and the driver did not brake quite quickly enough to avoid a camel. Unfortunately, the animal's leg was broken and it had to be shot. This was a very serious loss to the owner, "fuzzy-wuzzy," who was persuaded by the police to bring a charge.

When the case came up in court, the driver was put in the dock and the "fuzzy-wuzzy" was asked to identify him. He had one look at the Indian, and turned to the magistrate indignantly and said:

"If this is the man who killed my camel, I wish to withdraw the charge. In the first place this man is a foreigner here, and therefore a guest in my country. In the second place, he has come here to defend me against my enemy."

The court was full of merchants that morning, and so impressed were they by the spirit of the camel-owner's reply that they made a collection on the spot and gave him enough money to buy another camel.

So honour was satisfied, the spirit of hospitality unimpaired, and the camel replaced.

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS ACCLAIMS SOVIET SPIRIT

"OUR ADMIRATION for the magnificent achievements of the Soviet forces by land, sea and air is unstinted," writes Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador in Moscow, in an article in yesterday's Soviet paper "Izvestia."

"We acclaim the determination of every man, woman and child to protect their homeland from the brutal invader and we are confident that the spirit of courage and determination will bring our two countries a final and successful issue in our struggles."

"Though great trials and sufferings still lie before our people, this third year of war opens in conditions full of hope and, with the absolute certainty of eventual victory for the cause that we defend against the villainous aggression of Hitler and his minions."

"He was so blinded by his own lust for power that he could not recognise the gallant strength of the Red Army, Navy and Air Force; now, with the flower of his army stricken on Soviet land and thousands of his tanks and aeroplanes reduced to scrap, he must look with every growing fear at the mounting forces of the enemy whom he once despised."

The German Task

"In the West, too, night after night and day after day, an ever-increasing force of British planes rains down destruction on the industries of Germany."

"In the occupied territories he has encountered more and more difficulties as the peoples of those lands put up stubborn and courageous resistance to his domination."


"Arrayed against him now stand side by side two of the greatest nations in the world—Great Bri-

tain and the Soviet Union — backed by the gallant forces of their allies, by the hopes of tens of millions of Europeans, and by the almost inexhaustible resources of the American continent." — Reuter.

BOYS UNDER TEN GAOLED

ACCORDING TO THE HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPER "PESTER LLOYD," THE CRIMINAL COURT IN BUDAPEST HAS SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT A NUMBER OF BOYS BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 16 ON A CHARGE OF DAMAGING THE STATE RAILWAYS TO THE DANGER OF THE PUBLIC.

Another report quoted in Zurich recounts that six Danes, including a woman aged 22, received sentences ranging from 30 days to two years for insulting German officers and soldiers in Denmark.—Reuter.



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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, ANNOUNCING THAT MR. AVERELL HARRIMAN WILL LEAD A MISSION OF FIVE TO MOSCOW, SAID IT WOULD ACT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SIMILAR BRITISH MISSION LED BY LORD BEAVERBROOK TO DEAL WITH SUPPLIES TO RUSSIA.

The mission includes Major-Generals James H. Burns, executive officer of the Lease and Lend administration, George H. Brett, Chief of the Army Air Corps, Admiral W. H. Standley, Retired, former Chief of Naval Operations, and William Blatt, deputy director of the Production Division.

Pressure Relaxed

To the question "Do you think the American Navy should be used to convoy ships carrying war materials to Britain?" 52 per cent. replied "Yes" and 39 per cent. "No" and nine per cent. expressed no opinion.

This is according to the latest Gallup survey the results of which were revealed in New York yesterday.

An identical poll in July showed 56 per cent. favouring convoys.

Gallup adds that the downward trend reflects interventionism's natural tendency to decline when the pressure against Britain relaxes.—Reuter.

MAD WITH STOMACH PAIN

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The White House announces that in addition about nine technicians are accompanying the mission.

No announcement was made regarding the date of the mission's departure.

Holding of this conference was agreed to between the President and Mr. Churchill at their recent meeting at sea, says the White House statement.

It stated that Major-General Burns, who is associated with Mr. Harry Hopkins, would be a sort-of "general manager" to the mission.

Army Precedence

The President's Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, told reporters that the Army would take precedence at the conversations because the mission's work "will be 90 per cent. military and 10 per cent. naval." — Reuter.

T.U.C. REJECTS MOTION

The Trades Union Congress in Edinburgh rejected by an overwhelming majority the motion to refer back to the General Council its report on the negotiations with Government on the subject of the fire prevention scheme.

In this report the General Council, while contending that the proposed allowances for workers under the fire scheme were totally inadequate, and that the scheme will not be successful on its present basis, nevertheless recommended the Trades Union Movement to cooperate in the proposed machinery under the scheme.

In the course of the debate, besides criticism of the scheme itself, the complaint was made that Government had failed to consult the Trade Union Movement before the fire prevention order was issued.

It was stated, however, that in the latest negotiations Government had largely met the Council's views regarding consultation and that a joint advisory council on fire prevention was being set up.—Reuter.

15-INCH CUSHION FOR R.A.F. PILOTS

Having just been "rescued" from the English Channel by the R.A.F., I am able to appreciate the great progress the Ministry of Aircraft Production has made in devices to save the lives to British airmen who are shot down off our coasts, writes a correspondent.

When the Battle of Britain was in progress, airmen had to rely entirely on their life-jackets to keep them afloat until they were picked up—if they were lucky enough to be found. My experiment with the latest equipment showed how much greater the chance of survival has become.

Clad in a boiler suit and an inflated life-jacket, I jumped into the icy water. I did not have to stay there long. I was "saved" by a rubber dinghy contained in a seat cushion, and from this I was soon hauled aboard a high-speed rescue launch.

Rations There, Too

This cushion measures only 15in square and it is only 3in thick, so that it can be stowed easily in the restricted space of a fighter aircraft. Indeed, there is room also in the cushion for a sea anchor, paddles, rations, distress signals, repair kit, baler and a hand-pump for use if the auto-

BEAVERBROOK GOING TO MOSCOW

It is officially confirmed in London that Lord Beaverbrook is to lead the British delegation on the joint Anglo-American mission which is proceeding to Moscow to discuss material aid to Russia with the Soviet Government. — Reuter.

matic inflator fails.

Emergency dinghies are now carried in every aircraft. The type I operated is one of seven used by the Air-Sea Rescue Service of the R.A.F. I saw all the types demonstrated.

The dinghies will accommodate crews of any size up to eight. Some are inflated electrically, some by foot bellows, some by blow-out stowages. All have alternative manual controls. A distinctive colour scheme helps patrolling crews to discern survivors. Bright yellow shows up best. One very ingenious device is a firework distress signal which shoots stars into the air from an apparatus that can be used afterwards as a spare paddle.

The day's biggest thrill was when a Lysander patrol aircraft dropped by parachute a number of special dinghies, of a larger type, to which men in the water were able to paddle.

GEN. WAVELL'S ANNIVERSARY SUMMARY

"WE HAVE SUFFERED some rude buffets and undergone some heavy shocks, but we are still upright and stronger than ever," declared General Wavell, Commander-in-Chief, in a broadcast from Simla, on the second anniversary of the war.

"There's a long way to go and a hard time in front of us, but there are many signs that the enemy is growing weaker, and that from arrogant confidence he has passed into a restless anxiety which will turn to despair as he sees his ruin approach."

After reviewing events in the Middle East, Africa, the Balkans and Russia, he said that the "balance sheet I can put before you is, therefore, by no means an unsatisfactory one. The enemy is not yet defeated, but we have laid a firm foundation for his future defeat."

General Wavell disclosed that there were well over 100,000 Indian troops serving overseas with the total of Indian fighting forces approaching the million mark.

In the Middle East, Indian soldiers have helped to secure our great base of naval, military and air power in Egypt, to clear our lines of communication by the Red Sea and overland through Iraq, and forestall the Germans in Syria, Iraq and Iran, thus keeping our frontiers free of the menace of Nazi destruction and oppression.

Eastern Bastions

General Wavell concluded that "in the Far East also, Japan's southward move has been carefully watched and Indian soldiers

in Malaya and Burma are ready to play their part in the defence of India's eastern bastions." — Reuter.

TRIPOLI RAIDS KEPT UP

R.A.F. heavy bombers attacked Tripoli during the night of September 1/2, said yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communiqué.

Bombs were dropped on the power station and a number of fires started. Subsequently there was a violent explosion and a large fire, with clouds of black smoke, broke out.

Two A.A. guns were hit and put out of action.

Heavy bombers raided Benghazi where shipping in the harbour was bombed. Several bombs fell near a vessel and a column of black smoke was seen rising from one of the ships.

Motor transport near Barce was machine-gunned.

South African and Fleet Air Arm planes bombed the southern landing ground at Gazala causing fires which were visible many miles from the target.

A number of explosions occurred when Fleet Air Arm aircraft dropped bombs among aircraft on the Stollan aerodrome of Gerbina and Comiso.

From these operations one of our aircraft is missing.

Photographs of munition factories at Licata, which were raided by the R.A.F. on August 30, reveal a number of direct hits and considerable damage.—Reuter.

LEFT WIFE NOTHING

Lieutenant-Colonel Claude Beddington, 72, wealthy yachtsman, left £10,000 to his "perfect secretary"—but nothing to his wife.

His secretary was Miss Margaret Clay Adams. He was killed by enemy action while serving in his yacht, taken over by the Admiralty as an auxiliary.

Lieutenant-Colonel Beddington, who lived in Grosvenor-square, London, left £320,916.

He also bequeathed £3,000 to a former secretary, Miss Ida L. Nisbet, and an annuity of £150 to "my devoted and faithful servant Namo Kollasagara."

Apart from a few other bequests he left the residue upon trust for his daughter, Sheila, for life and then for her children.

Miss Adams was secretary to Colonel Beddington for nine years. She frequently went with him on his yachting trips, and he mentioned her in his book, "We Sailed from Brixham."

The colonel's wife published in 1929 a book entitled "All That I Have Met."

She has described as "among her recreations" "taking four languages, helping under-dogs, working for lost causes and shopping at Woolworths and Marks and Spencers."

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VICEROY'S TRIBUTE TO INDIA'S GRAND WAR CONTRIBUTION

A TRIBUTE TO THE glorious troops in the many battlefields of the war was paid by the Viceroy in a broadcast, from Simla, to the people of India on the anniversary of the outbreak of the war.

The Viceroy said: "India is awake. She is mighty and formidable, and she shall, if you so determine, be mightier yet. The war, like the bursting of a great dam, has released waters of destruction on the world. The noise of these waters was far off when India set herself to meet the storm.

"In two years' time, the war has rolled much nearer our shores, and not from one direction only. But India stands firm, her young men have come forward for service on land, on sea and in the air. Her factories and shipyards are working night and day to produce munitions and ships, and the world will not forget how, after the darkest hour of the Allied cause, Indian soldiers went into battle on a December morning in the Western Desert as the spearhead of a great attack, and won at Sidi Barrani our first resounding victory.

"To-day, India is the focus point of nations and territories of the Eastern group. Indian armies have fought and found glory on many a field in Egypt, the Sudan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Syria and Persia. They dealt faithfully with the Italian Empire which lies in ruins.

New Links

They forged new links of comradeship in arms, and they have protected great neighbouring nations against imminent or actual threat of invasion.

"When the tremendous conflict passes into history, their deeds will be inscribed in golden letters on the banners of victory."

The Viceroy also paid tribute to factory workers and merchant seamen, and concluded by saying that the "Nazi and all his works must perish utterly from the earth." — Reuter.

INDIAN JOINS FIGHTER SQUADRON

A Hurricane squadron of the Fighter Command has recently added to its roll of pilots from overseas an Indian from the fighting Punjab.

The squadron has a great fighting record. Its leader has already destroyed 10 German bombers.

Pilots include recruits from Texas, Australians, Canadians, Czechoslovaks, Poles and an Anglo-Argentinian, besides English, Scots and Welsh.

Yet the Indian newcomer has shown that the Punjab can produce as good fighter pilots as any of the world. He was so keen to fly that after taking his arts degree at the University of Lahore, he spent 2,600 ac. cumulating 100 hours of flying experience.

When war broke out he at once joined the Indian Air Force and when volunteers for overseas service were invited he jumped at the chance to come to England. Out of 24 pilots selected for England 18 were from the Punjab, — British Wireless.

GUERRILLAS UPSET GERMANS

AFTER GIVING SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF RECENT SOVIET PARTISAN SUCCESSES, ESPECIALLY IN THE NORTH-WEST DIRECTION, A SUPPLEMENTARY RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE CITES AN ORDER FOR A GERMAN ARMY GROUP IN THE NORTH WHICH ILLUSTRATES THE ALARM OF THE GERMANS AT THE INCREASING RUSSIAN GUERRILLA WARFARE.

The order states: "The intensification of guerilla activity has made it impossible for single soldiers or small detachments to pass the countryside far from communications. It is therefore

JAPAN'S GREATEST CRISIS

"Japan is facing the greatest crisis in her history," declared Prince Fumimaro Konoye, Prime Minister of Japan, when he addressed a conference of Government leaders and representatives of the country's war industries.

Prince Konoye added: "The crisis can only be met by the complete mobilisation of the nation's power." — Reuter.

ordered that only main roads should be used for movements of smaller units or single soldiers. "Villages off the main road are only to be visited by single soldiers or small units if they have been declared safe by the German military authority." — British Wireless.

SIR TEJ SAPRU PAYS TRIBUTE TO BRITAIN

"WHAT MAKES ME confident about the success of England is the spirit of courage and sacrifice which is animating her people, young and old, men and women," said Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, the Indian Liberal leader, in a broadcast from Allahabad yesterday.

He stated the English people had a remarkable gift of adjusting themselves to changed circumstances. They had indomitable courage and an un-failing power of endurance which, more than economic and military resources, should enable them to win the war.

Therefore he urged "each one of us should within his sphere help the war effort without indulging in equivocations or hair splitting differences about the capacity in which we can help the war effort."

Sir Homi Mody, supply member of the Viceroy's Council, told Reuter yesterday: "Our greatest enemy is the spirit of complacency. There is no room for it."

Reviewing the course of the war during the past two years, he said that from many points of view the greatest achievement had been the ranging of the enormous moral and material resources of the New World on the side of the Democracies.

Robust Confidence

Therefore to-day "we face the dangers confronting us with robust confidence that however long the way and whatever trials may still be in store, the world will not have to groan under the heel of the dictatorships."

Concluding, he said India's soldiers "had made history once again, and when India's part in the struggle came to be assessed, it would be found she had worthily discharged the great responsibilities which her unique strategic position and material resources imposed upon her." — Reuter.

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MARSHAL VOROSHILOV'S VISIT TO THE FRONT LINE

A VISIT OF Marshal Voroshilov to the front outside Leningrad some ten days ago was described in the newspaper "Red Star" yesterday.

The report, dated Leningrad, says Marshal Voroshilov arrived at an advanced position one evening not long before his order of the day calling upon the defenders of Leningrad to fight staunchly for their splendid city.

"During the night a plan of battle was worked out and at dawn artillery preparation began. When the time for attack arrived, a battalion under the command of Denisov crossed an embankment towards a forest.

"A storm of mine-thrower and machine-gun fire proved powerless before the spirited drive of our men, who reached the forest and disappeared from sight. Soon the fight for the village began.

"Retreating hastily, the enemy abandoned their ammunition and equipment

Occupied Village

"The detachment of Senior Lieutenant Sokolov, a white-haired veteran, was ordered to rein-

force the attacking battalion. His detachment reached the river bank and entrenched there for the night.

"Our troops then occupied the village, throwing the Germans back about three miles.

"Thus day and night our men are heroically defending the approaches to Lenin's city."—Reuter.

QUISLING LIKES CABARET

Aziz Masri Pasha, Egyptian Army quising, captured with two Egyptian flying officers in a house near the Nile, went to a cabaret every night without being recognised, Cairo reveals.

BILLETING BAN ON WIVES OF OFFICERS

Wives of officers and men stationed in Dorsetshire who have been staying with their husbands billets have been told that either they or their husbands must leave the billets.

This is a result of an order issued by the commanding officer of the division. The order will be strictly applied and officers have been told that in future they must regard the mess as their home.

There has been wide discussion whether soldiers should be allowed to share billets with their families, particularly in defence areas, but this is only the second order made on the subject.

Recently a similar order was made by a commanding officer in the Hertfordshire area.

Not General

A War Office official said that the authorities have no intention of making a general order.

"The matter can safely be left to the discretion of the commanding officer, who knows local conditions," he said.

"The opinion of those who oppose wives and husbands sharing billets is that in peace-time soldiers regard the barracks as their home, and the fact that under war conditions they must live in billets should not alter this view of army life.

SOLDIER'S BOTTLE LETTER

A letter written by a soldier who was in a Dubbo (Australian) camp has been received in a novel manner by a young Dubbo woman.

While crossing the Indian Ocean in a convoy, the soldier wrote a letter to a Dubbo friend and placed it in a bottle with two-pence and a note asking the finder to purchase a stamp and post the letter.

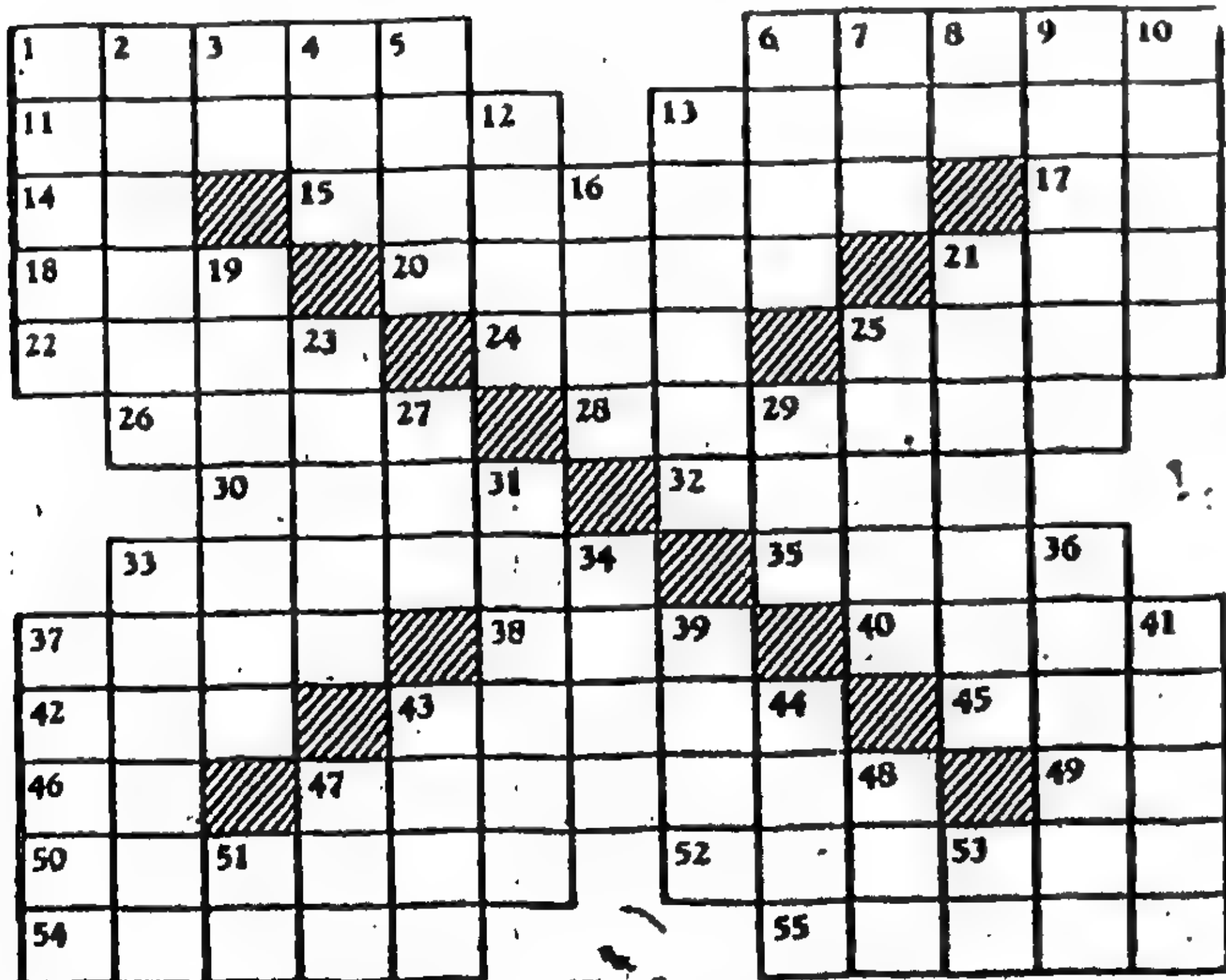
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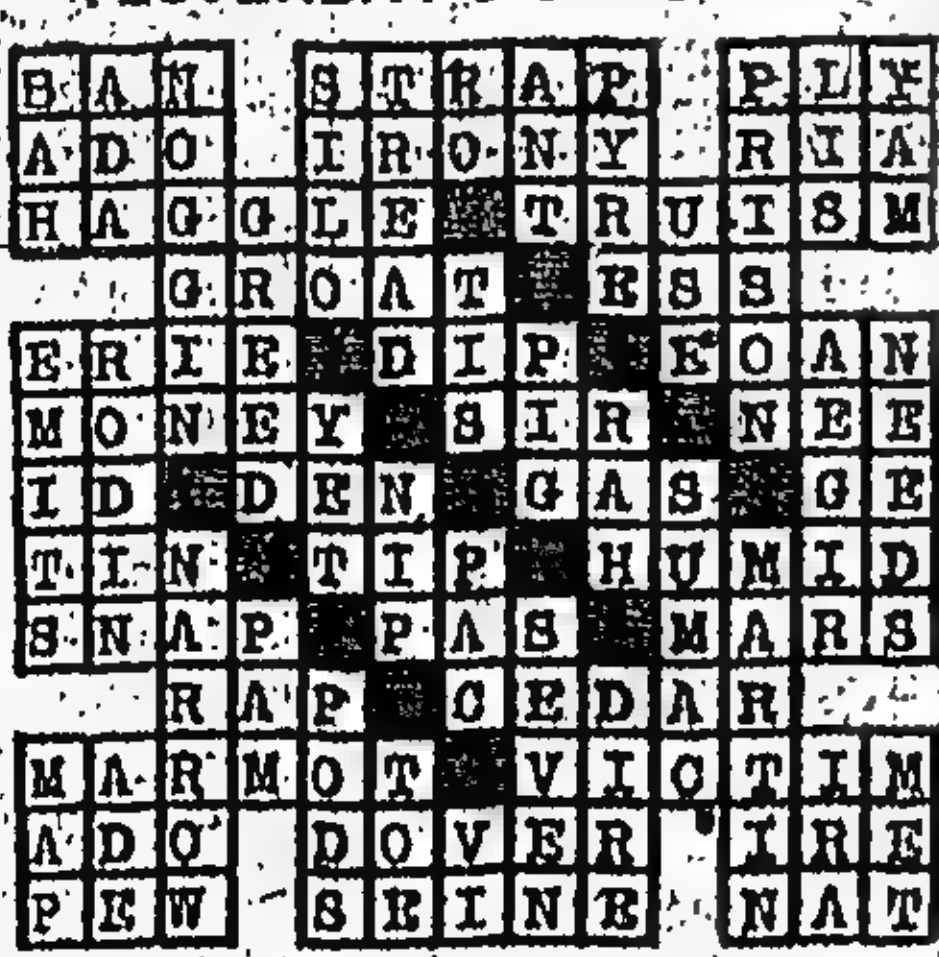
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- 22 To fatigue
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- 30 To fasten
- 32 Highway
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- 35 Entreaty
- 37 Wings
- 38 To hit lightly
- 40 Girl's name
- 42 Play on words
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- 46 Mixed type
- 47 Scolds
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- 50 To the opposite side
- 52 To bring in to harmony
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Navy's Showing In Battle Of Seas

A TRUE MEASURE of the progress of the Battle of the Atlantic, or more expressively, the "Battle of the Seas," says "The Times" naval correspondent, is not a comparison of naval or mercantile losses but how far we have succeeded in maintaining British sea traffic and sweeping the enemy from the seas.

Judged by that standard the Royal Navy, ably seconded by the R.A.F. in areas accessible to it, has well held its own.

Precise figures in this sphere have not until recently been made public, on the ground that they would be useful to the enemy, but in the last few days a report from Ankara through the Columbia Broadcasting System put the average recent weekly imports into Great Britain at 850,000 tons and the average losses of ships in convoy at no more than one in 240.

HUGE FIRE BREAKS OUT IN SALONIKA

A huge fire broke out on August 24 in the Kalamaria district of Salonika, caused by an accident.

Several buildings were razed and material damage was extremely heavy.

AXIS AIRCRAFT LOSSES

The Axis loss of 8,020 planes (excluding approximately 4,000 destroyed by the Russians) is shown in an authoritative tabulated list of losses during the first two years of war.

The figures well illustrate the successive phases of the R.A.F. and German offensives.

Thus, during 1940, which included the Battle of Britain, the Axis lost over 3,000 planes against 847 R.A.F.

During 1941 the figures for this are even more striking. The Axis lost 568 against the R.A.F. loss of only 39.

Figures for the western front campaign are 374 R.A.F.

The Scandinavian campaign in 1940—a British offensive—resulted in almost equal losses, the Axis losing 56 and the R.A.F. 55. The growing weight of the R.A.F. offensive against German occupied territories in strikingly shown by comparative figures.

During 1939, in this theatre, the Axis lost 20, the R.A.F. 26. In 1940, R.A.F. losses had risen to 349 against the Axis 45 but in spite of the sustained and increasing R.A.F. offensive the figures during 1941 show a huge proportionate swing in the British favour, the Axis having lost as many as 625 against the British 959.

The dominance of the R.A.F. in the Middle East is shown by the figures for 1940 and 1941.

During 1940 the Axis lost 421 against the R.A.F. 78 (including of course the Imperial air forces operating in conjunction).

So far in 1941 the Axis have lost 1,660 against the R.A.F. only 305.

Most telling figures, however, are perhaps provided by the Royal Navy which, since the outbreak of war, has shot down 603 Axis planes, suffering themselves not a single loss.

Final summary of figures shows

THESE FIGURES ARE AN ILLUMINATING ANTIDOTE TO THE GERMAN PICTURE OF A STARVING BRITAIN AND AN OCEAN SWEEP CLEAR OF SHIPPING.

Chief agent of destruction at sea has been the U-boat, used from the first regardless of the fate of passengers or other non-combatant seafarers.

Its initial advantage waned as the defensive measure of the convoy was brought into operation and in small craft equipped with the Asdic the U-boat met its match but the depletion of British escort craft caused by the defeat of France, together with the multiplication of the U-boats and the development by the enemy of a new technique of combined air and underwater attack, swung the balance in the other direction.

New Methods

Only of recent months has it been redressed as escort craft again multiplied with the maturing of the building programme begun at the outbreak of war and the development of new methods against the raider at sea.

In this, the second year of war, yet other forces preyed on British shipping but they too have been well held.

The "Lutzow" and "Admiral Scheer," sister ships of the "Graf Spee," were both torpedoed and severely damaged in attempts to regain the open sea.

The heavy cruiser "Hipper" found her quarry too well defended last Christmas Day when she attacked a convoy in the Atlantic.

Brest Tie-Up

The battleships "Scharnhorst" and "Gneisenau" had the same experience three months later and were chased into Brest by naval forces, to be kept there ever since by the effects of R.A.F. bombing.

The fate of the "Bismarck," the world's most powerful battleship, when she attempted a similar raid in May, will be fresh in the minds of all; her consort, the cruiser "Prinz Eugen," could only profit by the British pre-occupation with the bigger ship to emulate the expedient of the other battleships and she too has taken cover at Brest.

In the Mediterranean the results have been hardly less decisive and the ascendancy over the Italian fleet asserted by Admirals Cunningham and Somerville has been unmistakable.

Crete Losses

The losses of Crete increased the British difficulties in the eastern basin but while British convoys have been taken through whenever the need has arisen, Italian communications both with Tripoli and with the Italian garrisons installed by German favour in the Aegean Islands have been increasingly harassed by British air and underwater attacks. — Reuter.

R.A.F. losses since the outbreak of war 3,089 against the Axis losses of approximately 12,020—a heartening proportion of one to four.—British Wireless.

SOVIET AIR PLANTS DECORATED

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. has decorated two aircraft plants with the Order of Lenin, and 233 engineers and workers with other orders "for having carried out in an exemplary manner the orders of the Government in the construction of planes and engines," it was officially announced.

The two aircraft factories were the "Voroshilov" and "Frunze" plants.

WOMEN EXCEL AT SHELL-MAKING

Scottish employers are unanimous that in making shells women munition workers give the greatest possible satisfaction. The explanation of Mr. W. H. Denholm, Divisional Chief Inspector of Labour Supply for Scotland, is that women are not affected by monotonous repetition work. He had seen them turning out six-inch shell and work to a 10,000th part of an inch.

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COMPLACENCY AND THE FACTS

The tone of both British and American official comment as we enter upon the third year of the war is worthy of careful note. In his Labour Day speech, President Roosevelt did more than issue a stirring call to the people of the United States to put their shoulder to the wheel and to exert the united strength of the nation. He was also very urgent in stressing the utter folly of supposing that the violence of the campaign on the eastern front has lifted the menace from the west. Mr. Brendan Bracken, the new Minister of Information, was equally emphatic in his talk with journalists. Hitler, he said, was Britain's Enemy No. 1, Enemy No. 2, also as yet undefeated, was Complacency.

The fact is that in both the British Empire and the United States there is a very large section of the public which does not realise how heavy and bitter is likely to be the fight that still lies ahead. A great part of Britain is still too unaware of the perils of the Battle of the Atlantic and the narrow margin by which we retain the upper hand. In part arising from censorship designed to keep information from the enemy and in part from a censorship which tends to keep unpleasant facts in the background, this cuts both ways.

The "New Republic" (of New York) said the other week:

"Too long have the Americans been hiding complacency behind the admittedly tough fibre of the British people. 'They are wonderful,' we say. 'They will never give up.' It is true that they are wonderful; but it is not true that they can hold out for ever if their position greatly worsens."

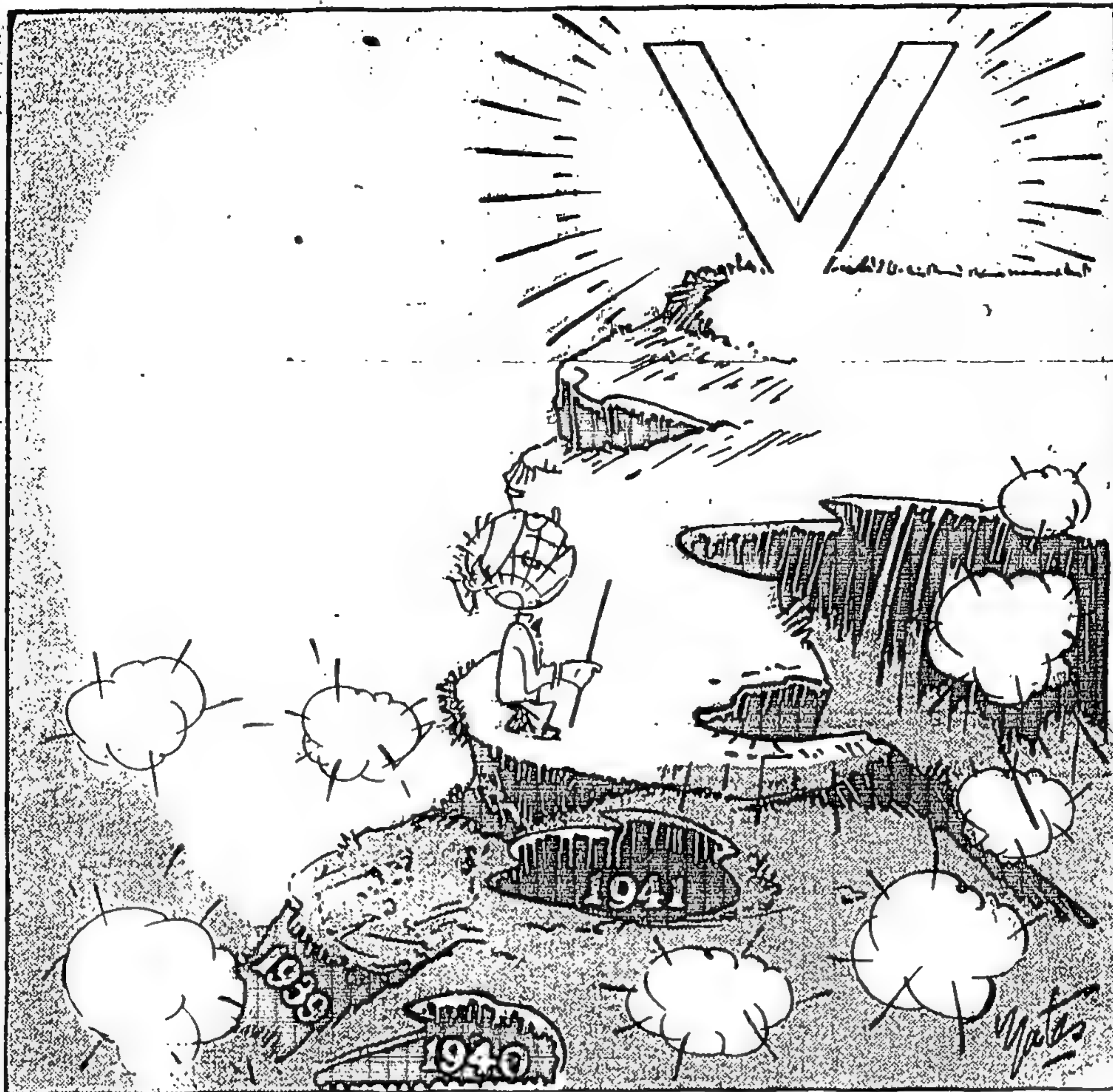
We also have been rather glibly of the same kind of complacency, and some speakers both in England and in the United States have encouraged it. There is no need to overstate, but we have to impress Americans as well as our own people of the truth of the fact that the war will be lost or won according to our own joint efforts. If this were properly understood, and properly explained in the United States there would be no room for members of Congress to argue that no more naval aid is needed because nearly all the munitions are coming through. This means no doubt a livelier sense of the importance of letting the public, British and American, know the facts than most Government departments are blessed

with. It is time they learned.

TREASURE LOST

The Hunterian Collection, most of which has been lost by enemy action—another "honour" for the Luftwaffe,—is said to have cost John Hunter five times the sum of £15,000 for which the Government bought it for the nation in 1799. So it is not surprising to learn that while Hunter's income rose at one period to £6,000, he was kept poor by his lavish buying. Indeed, he had no fondness for actual practice, preferring the dissecting-room and the study, and would attend to the ordinary details of his consultations and so forth only because it afforded him means of purchasing curiosities. "Well, I must go and earn that damned guinea or I shall be sure to want it to-morrow."

It did not do to be squeamish about methods of getting what he wanted, and it was by bribing the undertaker that he got the skeleton of O'Brien, the Irish giant, in defiance of the order that the coffin was to be sunk in deep water. It is not surprising that he was well thought of by the "resurrection men" for he paid high prices for specimens, up to £500 for O'Brien. All of which, perhaps, gives an additional touch of gruesomeness to Buckland's search through more than 3,000 coffins for Hunter's remains in St. Martin-in-the-Fields, where he was buried because the fees for Westminster Abbey were too high.



THE UPPER GRADIENT

"Germans" In Captivity

FOR the first time for a long while an authentic and impartial account has reached the outer world of conditions in Prague, the Czech capital.

It gives an extraordinary picture—for it shows that the conquerors and captors are in course of becoming, spiritually, the conquered and captives.

The Hradschin, the great palace of the Kings of Bohemia on the hill which is the emblem and symbol of Czech patriotism, is in mournful plight; from its gigantic flagstaffs and windows, on great

By
Douglas Reed

occasions, flies the Swastika, and within it sits the aged and ailing puppet-president, Hacha.

The real headquarters of Prague to-day is the Deutsches Haus, the great Bierhalle down in the town.

The Deutsches Haus, and all the more expensive hotels, restaurants and cafes in Prague swarm with Germans, scores of thousands of whom have been brought to Prague to displace Czechs in the better-paid posts; on any of the innumerable Nazi festivals every Czech house has to fly the swastika, and the purchase of these flags, at 28 marks each, is compulsory; the streets eternally resound to the music of German military bands and the tramp of marching German soldiers, Storm Troops, Hitler Youths and Hitler girls.

"Prague is German!" That was always the Nazi cry and claim.

To-day Prague is German—in all external things, in flags, language, music, and festivals; Dr. Goebbels sees to that.

But its soul remains Czech, and the Czechs, reduced to the barest rations of food and clothing in what until March 15, 1939, was the most abundant city in Europe, have withdrawn, shabby and hungry, into their homes.

And yet so the story tells which has now reached the outer world—all this is a hollow sham and mockery.

Prague, like all Czechoslovakia, has become a concentration camp

for Czechs guarded by Germans; but in truth the Germans are living in a spiritual concentration camp there, fidgeting and fretting under the boycott of the Czechs.

For an ineradicable trait of the German is his longing to be loved; after he has conquered, by his victims; he yearns to be popular with the inferior people he has enslaved and cannot understand it when this affection is withheld from him.

But the Czechs, as all will know who read the story of the good soldier Schwejk and the disservices he rendered to his Germanic masters (then in Austrian guise) in the last war, is a pastmaster in the art of passive resistance, and he is endlessly fertile in inventing new ways to confound and confuse his gaolers.

I remember, when the Germans invaded Prague, seeing a carload of overbearing SS officers drive up to a Czech policeman and ask him the way to the Wenceslas Place; without blinking an eyelid he politely waved them in the wrong direction.

The Germans later thwarted that trick by forcing Czechs to sit beside them on the driver's seat—but the Czech knows a thousand ways that cannot be punished, of making his captors feel ridiculous.

For instance, the Germans recently announced that a great military concert would be held in the Wenceslas Place at 2 o'clock; at 1.30 the streets cleared as if by magic, and at 2 o'clock the German band began to blare brassily and self-consciously in a deserted city.

Thus the German conquerors, lacking the excitement of military adventure, are growing bored and uneasy in an atmosphere of ostracism, scorn and hatred; they may take all the money and all the food, but they cannot have human society, friendly conversation or female friendship other than that which they find at the Deutsches Haus.

And at the back of each German mind is the lurking question, how will all this hatred expend itself upon the Germans if Germany should after all lose the war.

Meanwhile the Czechs quietly and patiently bide their time.

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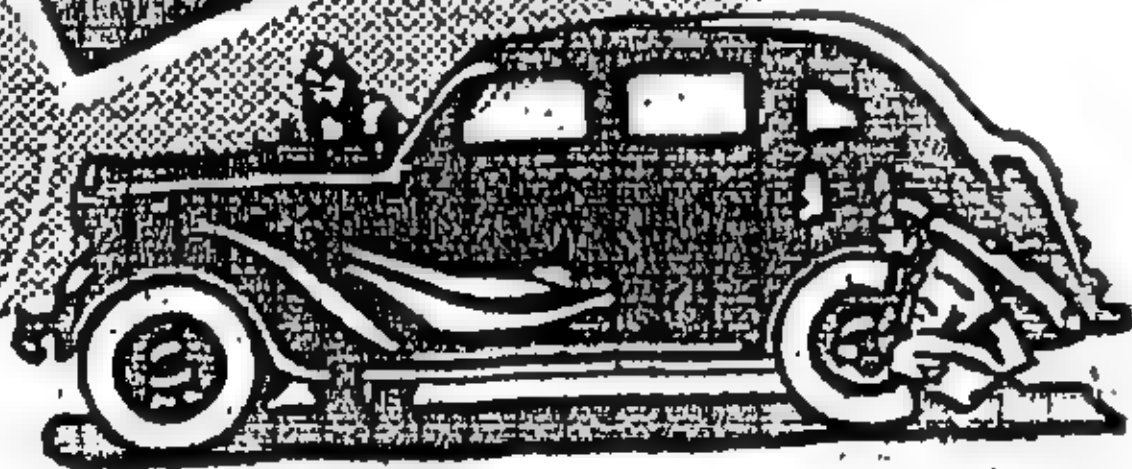
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BRITISH ARMY
GAMES**

WHILE WAR is flaming up fiercely in the Middle East the Army at home is training ceaselessly and fighting that insidious, enemy tedium, still waiting for the invasion that has threatened since Dunkirk, says Mr. L. Mararsland Gander of the "Daily Telegraph." A whole year has now passed since the people of Britain first felt the peril close, a year during which the Army here has played the unspectacular part of garrison and guard.

Yet the importance of that part hardly needs the emphasis laid upon it by statesmen on both sides of the Atlantic. Logic insists that however far Hitler may press his conquests in other fields, in the end he must turn with all his force upon the island citadel that is the centre and inspiration of continuing resistance.

A year at action stations without the stimulus of genuine action or the encouragement of victory is a test of patience; yet it has also been a providential opportunity for strengthening in numbers and equipment the Army defending our vital heart of Empire. In the year the progress has surpassed all expectation. Certainly there is much left to be done and a call for still greater efforts in the workshops and factories, but to cast one's mind back to Dunkirk days is to find great cause for thankfulness.

Then we were straining our resources to re-equip the exhausted, weaponless legions back from France; the B.E.C. was broadcasting appeals for shot-guns with which to arm the new citizen army that had sprung into being over-night — the Local Defence Volunteers, now called the Home Guard.

To-day there is a vast well-equipped regular Army here, supported by a force of Home Guards 1,750,000 strong, whose arms and training are improving steadily. Our Home Guard is, in fact furnished with weapons such as Tommy-guns, which not even our crack regiments possessed in June, 1940.

Equally important, too, there has been time to pass armies newly recruited from civil life through the process of physical toughening which is a sure foundation for the best fighting man. Now thousands more stooping clerks and pallid factory workers are bronzed, straight-backed soldiers performing feats of endurance they would have deemed impossible a year ago.

**What Civilians Have
To Visualise**

The civil population of Britain has had a good deal of instruction as to its conduct in invasion, but still, perhaps, finds it difficult to visualise the circumstances of an invasion. England's green and pleasant landscape in June conjures up no picture of desolation, slaughter and confusion. Even exercises have an air of unreality as tanks rumble sedately along country lanes spurning, out of respect for the crops, the short cuts across country which they must know how to take.

Mimic War

Yet despite their obvious limitations, much may be learnt from exercises, and a little imagination will paint the picture. It is a picture of seeming chaos, arising from speedy movement and mix-up of opposing forces, which, though it may be limited in its area, will certainly be reality in war. I lately had the opportunity of closely following mimic-war fought by 70,000 troops and Home Guards over a wide area of the Northern Command, including part of Yorkshire.

In this exercise the scales were by design heavily weighted against the defenders in order to train troops in dealing with tanks. It was assumed that a complete Nazi panzer brigade had somehow established itself as an organised unit and comprised the northern flank of the pincers, the southern flank being composed mainly of German infantry.

It was a "battle" full of shocks for invaders and defenders alike. In the first 24 hours the panzer brigade swept through the defences with such velocity that it sur-

prised and wiped out a corps commander's headquarters. But in the process the brigade lost 85 per cent. of its armoured fighting vehicles, and eventually was deemed to have come to a standstill for lack of fuel and ammunition.

Incidentally, many of the men in this flying column were 33, 34 and 35 years of age, and thus showed their paces to younger comrades. According to modern practice they had rushed on regardless of their flanks, and had even left many strong points behind them still held by the defenders.

**Detours Round The
Defences**

The brigadier in command of this armoured force has been associated with tanks since 1916; he had covered 170 miles of wold and dale country in 30 hours before the umpires brought him to a halt. His fast armoured cars were constantly turning up in the most unexpected places, and it was a reconnaissance unit of fifteen cars which gave the corps commander indigestion at his breakfast.

This brigadier expressed to me the opinion that even now we under-estimated the speed and the movement possible in modern war.

He added that a good tank hunter would prove a dangerous man, but he believed that the chief defence would be anti-tank guns and mines. The brigadier had, in fact, encountered many unpleasant surprises in his rapid advance. Some of the secret anti-tank devices suggested that British ingenuity, which evolved the tank, is finding an answer to it. Surprise, complete concealment and simplicity of construction are all illustrated in one device. In the result the jaws of the pincers did not meet.

Nevertheless, despite the numerous traps, the elusive armoured columns seemed to be everywhere, progressing by wide sweeps and detours, often by passing defended villages and sometimes taking Home Guard posts in the rear. Adding to the general mix-up of friend and enemy was the dropping of paratroops by both sides. Sometimes the speed and changing direction of battle caused it to lose all obvious pattern. Aircraft played only a limited part with their machine-gun and dive-bombing attacks, but it was obvious that had they could have profoundly affected the fortunes of war.

**Bringing Attack
To Standstill**

It was regrettable that owing to the limited purpose of the exercise it did not include defence of aerodromes against airborne invasion. Both this exercise and another which I followed recently in South-Western England assumed that the main invasion was seaborne and that the Navy by some extraordinary mischance had been unable to prevent a landing in force.

In these exercises the role of the Home Guard, the subject of so much discussion, emerged clearly. It is to act as a delaying force in considerable depth, holding its strong points and villages, attacking tanks with a variety of punning, often terrifying, devices, till such time as the Regular Forces and our own mechanised columns come to the rescue.

**SOVIET ENVOY
PAYS TRIBUTE
TO R.A.F.**

A tribute to the "marvellous work" done by British bombers over Germany was expressed by M. Ivan Maisky, Soviet Ambassador to Britain, at a speech during a reception offered at the Army & Navy Club.

"I hope," he added, "that during the autumn the aid given us by the Royal Air Force will be still more effective."

It goes without saying that roads must and will be kept free from civilian traffic. Nor would there be much purpose in civilian flight, for the spreading pools and rivulets of invasion might be encountered anywhere. If the German runs to form he will fling everything into the battle from the start, attacking everywhere he can with unbridled ferocity. After a time, if our best hopes are fulfilled, he will be contained within fairly well-defined areas and the mopping-up process by the defenders will begin.

**Power Of The Trained
Soldier**

Fifth column activity in these exercises has introduced another element of confusion—and also of humour. Bogus military policemen, innocent "soldiers on leave," and even bogus war correspondents have operated in the battle area to keep our troops constantly vigilant for treachery.

German agents must indeed be plausible if they can emulate the feats of these amateurs. The lesson of discretion is being learned, yet, in an official car with a conducting officer, I was "blown up" and riddled with imaginary bullets by the 16-year-old cadets of a Yorkshire college who saw something suspicious in the fact that our car did not carry the flag of one side or the other. Nothing we could do or say would induce them to let us pass.

Perhaps the most encouraging feature of all is the increasing physical fitness of our troops. They are prepared to march their 35 miles a day with full equipment, sleep under hedges, wade through rivers and then fight at the end. I have seen some of our toughest soldiers, belonging to various regiments and training specially for guerilla tactics and combined operations with the Navy, scaling a cliff with full equipment, including a Bren gun. These men, educated in the complete simple life, combine some of the attributes of Boy Scouts, Red Indians and shock troops.

**Utmost From Every
Weapon**

We are told frequently that men cannot fight against machines, but even the best machines are useless in weak and irresolute hands.

What, then, is the best safeguard against successful invasion, apart from tactical considerations and the multiplication of machine and weapon power? It is to obtain the utmost from every man and every weapon. This was one of the aims of Lt.-Gen. T. R. Eastwood, the newly appointed Army commander, during the recent Northern Command exercise. Afterwards he expressed the opinion that we must make still further efforts in this direction. In addition, it is his purpose to inculcate a spirit of constant alertness, a feeling that there is no end to exercises, that the army must (as, in fact, civilians also must) be ready at any time of day or night.

FURTHER EVIDENCE AT A.R.P. INQUIRY

FURTHER EVIDENCE was given by Mr. Cheng Chik-chi, of the Chiap Hua Manufacturing Company, when the Commission, inquiring into certain matters connected with the Air Raids Precautions architectural branch, resumed its public sittings in the Council Chamber this morning.

In reply to a question by the chairman of the Commission, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, witness told of a party he gave at his residence, on the occasion of his birthday on April 16 last, when Wing-Comdr. A. H. S. Steele-Perkins was amongst the guests who attended.

When this morning's session opened, Mr. U. Yui-kwai, of the Sang Lee firm of contractors, told the Commission that he had brought the foreman who supervised the making of the concrete blocks in his firm, and this man, Lam Lai, then said that although he had not had any previous experience in this particular line of concrete-block work, he nevertheless was in charge of the work.

The Chairman: Before Sang Lee got the concrete for making concrete blocks, what previous experience have you had? -- I had had experience in making up cement-concrete for flooring but never made any concrete blocks.

Do you know what the specifications were? -- It was supplied by the Government to my employers.

In English or Chinese? -- In English.

Then who told you about the specifications? -- My employer, Mr. U. Kwai.

He knew the specifications then? -- Yes.

Wooden Moulds

Describe the process of making these blocks. -- First of all we make wooden moulds and place them on the floor. Then we mix the cement-concrete by machine and then, having done that we put this into the moulds and use an electrical machine to press it in.

It was by the vibrating process? -- Yes.

Then what happens? -- The blocks would be put away for drying and next morning the moulds would be removed.

Anybody ever come to test the blocks? -- No.

Nobody from the P.W.D.? -- No. IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT A P.W.D. OFFICIAL WOULD COME TO TAKE A BLOCK AWAY TO BE TESTED? -- YES.

Who came? -- There was a Government foreman, Tam Hon, on the premises and he gave instructions every Monday for a number of blocks to be taken away to an office in the P.W.D. where there were a number of architects.

Did you ever see any European on the premises to see the blocks made? -- Yes.

Architect's Visits

You know his name? -- That man I called Mr. Hobbs. He would inspect the place and having satisfied himself would walk away.

What did he do? -- He would inspect the broken stone to see if they were clean and also that the cement-concrete was properly mixed.

Did you ever see any cracks in the blocks? -- Yes, sometimes when the moulds were removed I saw some damage or cracked blocks and I would break these up with a hammer.

Were there many of these damaged or cracked? -- There would be several tens a day.

Mr. Bellamy: When the concrete was being mixed was the Chinese foreman always present? -- Yes.

They never mixed any concrete till the foreman arrived? -- No, sometimes when he was late or absent we would go on with the job ourselves.

Self Taught

Chairman: Who taught you how to make concrete blocks? -- Nobody, I knew the materials required and went on right away.

You taught yourself how to make concrete blocks? -- Yes.

What is your salary? -- \$55 a month.

Is there any other foreman in your firm? -- No, I am the only foreman.

The next witness to give evidence was Wong Sun-yu, who described himself as the sub-contractor to Sang Lee in connection with the construction of the sea wall in North Point.

Chairman: You remember in the course of the work finding some stones dumped on the site? -- Stone and earth.

Do you know where that stone came from? -- No.

Never Heard

Never heard that they came from A.R.P. tunnels, did you? -- I never heard the stone came from A.R.P. tunnels but several lorry loads were dumped there daily.

Do you know where the lorries came from? -- They were from a number of companies.

Did you use these stones and earth for the sea wall? -- I myself never did, but my workmen removed some of the stone and broke them up.

So the stones were used by you in making the sea wall? -- Yes, I picked up the stones from an area of about 12 sq. ft.

Did you pay for this stone? -- No.

Benefactor

Did you make enquiries who it belonged to? -- No, since the stone was dumped there I just helped myself.

You helped yourself, quite right. Now, if the stones had not been dumped there you would have had to buy them, wouldn't you? -- Not all, but part of them.

So this benefactor of yours saved you some money? -- Not all, but part.

For all you know the stones might have been stolen. -- It was a mistake on the part of my workmen.

Did you tell that to Mr. U? -- No, I did not know of it until sometime after.

When you did know about it, did you tell Mr. U? -- Yes.

What did he say? -- He told me not to do it again.

What is the value of your contract with Mr. U? -- The terms depend on the amount of work done.

How much have you received to date? -- I have not received anything yet.

How much do you expect? -- About one or two thousand dollars.

What happened to the earth that was there? -- We left this untouched. We only removed the stones from the surface.

Mr. Cheng Recalled

This concluded evidence by this witness and at this stage Mr. Cheng Chik-chi, of Chiap Hua Manufacturing Company, was recalled.

Chairman: Have you made a further search in your office? -- Yes.

Have you found any more books? -- I found a cheque book of the Manufacturers' Bank of China.

That is the only thing you have found? -- Yes.

You haven't yet found the receipts for all your entertainments? -- I have not yet found any because I believe these are mixed up with other bills and documents.

List Of Guests

Have you found any lists of guests at your parties? -- No.

BELGIAN MINISTER'S SON KILLED

An R.A.F. pilot, Jean Max Gutt, son of M. C. Gutt, Belgian Minister of Defence, has been killed in action during a night flight. He was to have received his wings this week. The father attended his son's funeral and pinned the Croix de Guerre on the tunic of the dead airman. -- British Wire- less.

Why not? -- I am afraid that while we were moving our office from the 1st floor to the 2nd floor, these lists may have been treated as waste paper.

You haven't been able to find any lists at all? -- No, but if I should happen to find them, I shall produce them to you.

Have you ever been to a party with Mr. B. C. Lam? -- Yes.

When was the last time? -- About a month ago.

Do you remember the guests present then? -- No.

Not even one? -- I don't mean that, sir. Witness then asked permission to draw up a list and later read out the names as follows: --

Wong Wing-tai, headmaster of Nam Wah Academy; Li Siu-ching, clerk in the Wing Kee firm.

Wing Kee Firm

Chairman: Who is the Wing Kee firm? -- A place where overseas Chinese carry on their affairs.

A political organisation? -- Yes. Who's the next? -- Lau Sai-tat, a clansman of mine, who lives in Fung Fai Terrace. Then there were B. C. Lam, Li Chi-hi, a clerk in my office, and myself.

What was the purpose of the party? -- It was just a social gathering in my house.

Remember how much it cost you? -- Yes, including wine it cost between \$30-\$40.

And the firm paid for it? -- No, I did.

Yesterday Mr. Lam told us that whenever he gave a party the firm paid for it, is that correct? -- Yes. But you asked me when was the last party I had attended together with Mr. Lam and that is why I have mentioned this occasion.

Restaurant Party

Perhaps you can tell us then which was the last time you attended a party with Mr. Lam for which the office paid? -- I remember the last occasion was when the office invited members of the staff of the Central Trust Company. It so happened that I had a toothache and could not attend.

You can't remember which you attended with Mr. Lam at which Comdr. Steele-Perkins was present? -- Yes, one, at the Kam Loong Restaurant about 3 or 4 months ago.

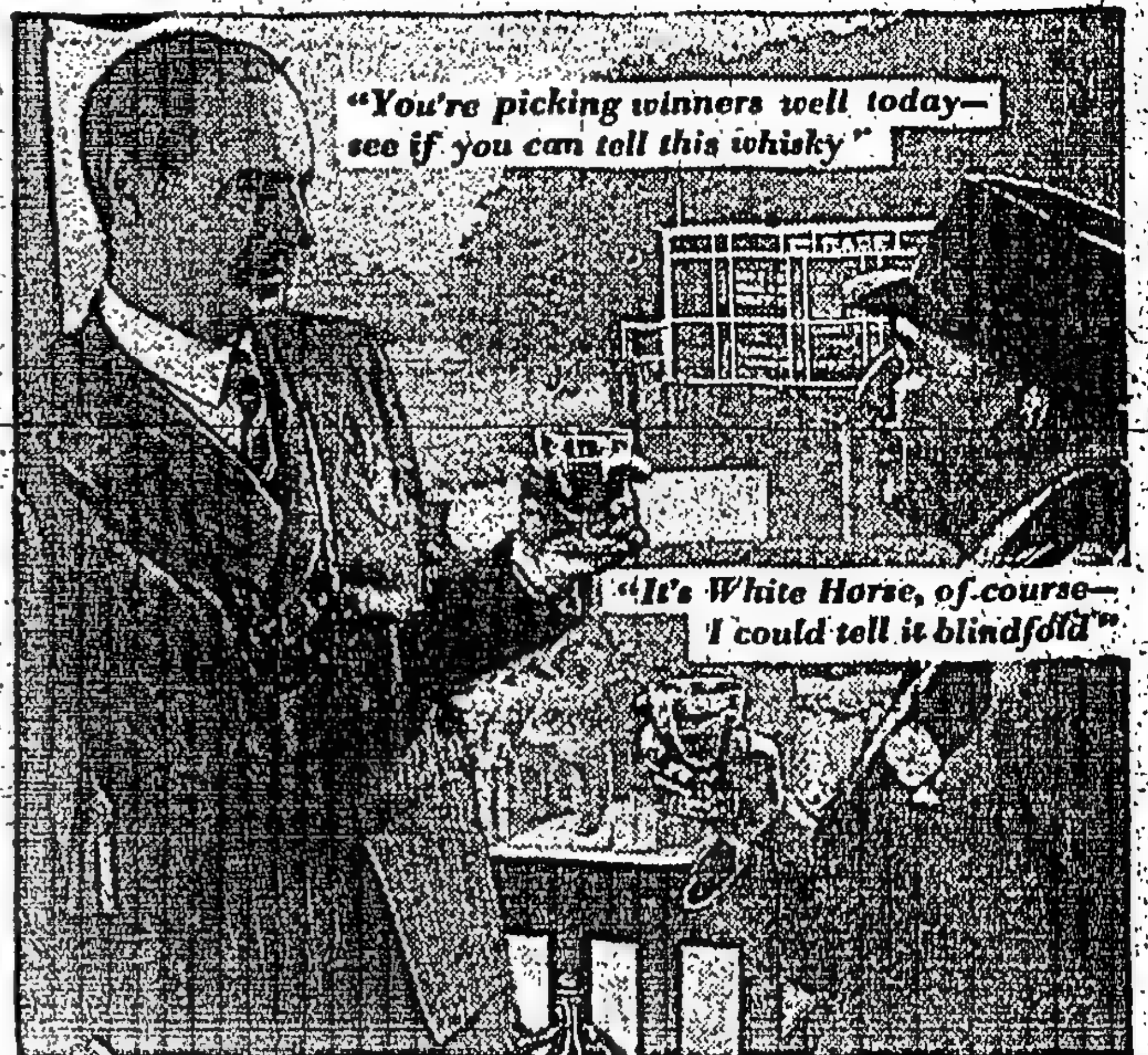
Who else was there? -- Some Europeans, one from Jardine's, but I do not know their names.

You remember Mr. Newbigging? -- Oh yes, but I do not know the name of the other Europeans present.

Who asked them? -- Mr. Lam.

Who asked Comdr. Steele-Perkins, Mr. Lam? -- The invitation cards were provided by the restaurant and we filled in the names of the guests with Mr. Lam's name and mine as hosts.

Who asked Comdr. Steele-Perkins, you or Mr. Lam? -- I think Mr. Lam did because he speaks English.



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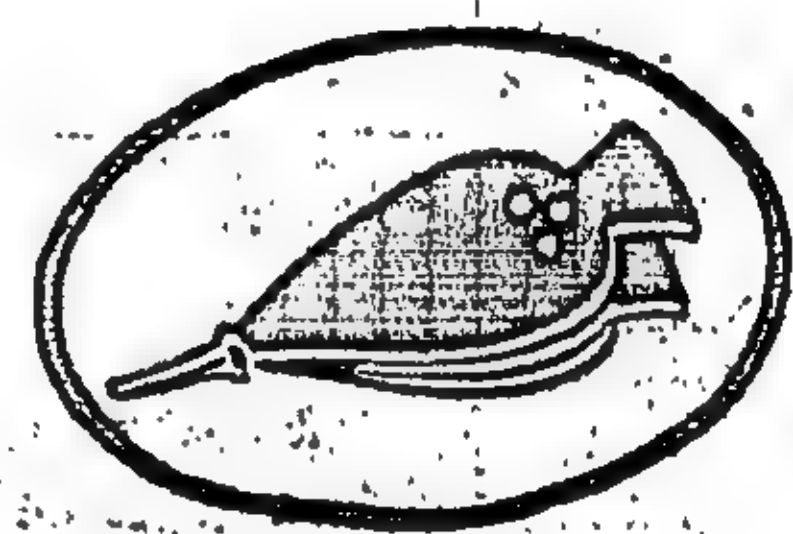
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Colours in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4318	Tong Mi Road, between Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 4223 & 4227, Mong Kok.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		As per sale plan	
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2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2879	Adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1472, Castle Peak Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		As per sale plan	
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RECOVERING FROM A BLUFF

By The Four Aces

"It doesn't always pay," philosophises A.M.S., of New York City, "to be too smart. I was so intent on talking the opponents out of a game in spades (which they didn't have, as I soon discovered) that I missed a slam. Here's the hand:

North, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

NORTH
♠ Q 3
♥ A 8 6 5
♦ 5 2
♣ Q 6 5 3

WEST
♠ A 9 8 4
♥ K Q J 7
♦ Q J 10 8
♣ 10

EAST
♠ J 10 7 6 2
♥ 10 9 4
♦ 9 4 3
♣ J 7

SOUTH
♠ K 6
♥ 2
♦ A K 7 6
♣ A K 9 8 4 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dbt
1♠	Dbt	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

"I'm not trying to defend my spade bid (I sat North), but I should explain that I paid more respect to the vulnerable double than to my partner's third-hand bid. Of course, when my partner jumped to three diamonds I realised that our side had the strength. Was there anything I could have done from then on to reach the slam?"

Yes; there were things North might have done. After South had jumped to three diamonds, North should have realised that South had at least ten cards in the minor suit and was most unlikely to have good support for hearts. So North might have jumped to five clubs right over three diamonds. Then, at least, South would have known his partner had a real club fit with fair high-card strength; and with that knowledge, South might have bid the slam.

Better yet, North could have bid the slam all by himself. How bad a hand could South have for his opening club bid and jump rebid in diamonds? Even his actual hand was little enough (it may even have been a slight "stretch") but was sufficient for a slam. So North could have bid as he did up to his final bid; at that point he should have jumped to six clubs rather than only five.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K 10 9 7 6
♥ A 9 4
♦ K 10 4 2
♣ —

The bidding:
Jacoby You Minor Schenken
1♣ Dbt 1♥ Dbt
Pass Pass 2♣ 2♥
Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid two spades. There is no need to raise hearts at once since you have indicated at least neutral support for the suit by passing the double of one heart. Also, there is no need to jump-bid since your double has shown a strong hand and your partner's bidding indicates fair strength. Both of you should be quite confident of getting to at least game contract.

Score 100% for two spades, 50% for three hearts, 40% for three spades.

Question No. 812

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 9 7
♥ 7 3
♦ A J 10 4
♣ Q 6 5 3 2

The bidding:
Jacoby You Schenken Maier
1♥ (?)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

Of the people of France 99.999 per cent. are anti-German and 80 per cent. pro-British. That was the opinion very confidently expressed by two Frenchmen who left their country.

In the occupied zone they reckoned that about half were ready to fight the Germans again and that the proportion was increasing. In the unoccupied territory they estimated the numbers to be between 20 and 30 per cent., this also on the increase.

Among the 20 per cent. which they estimated are not pro-British there is, they judge, an infinitesimal proportion who definitely desire to play Germany's game. The rest of the 20 per cent. fear that Britain after her victory will impose on France again the old Third Republic clique, or that British policy will be contrary to French interests, as they consider it to have been after the last war.

If this is to be the position, it is better they argue, to make the best of a bad job now than to be obliged to do it all over again in 20 years after another war. A second blood-letting comparable with that of 1914-18 would, they believe, be the end of France.

The informants laid some stress on the importance of the 20 per cent. because it comprises some of the best and most courageous elements of the French nation. In fact, they are real patriots who really have France at heart. They are almost all Catholic.

HORSE BOLTS, GOES UPSTAIRS

TWO RUNAWAY HORSES CRASHED INTO THE SHOP FRONT OF A LONDON BEAUTY PARLOUR AND THEN BECAME WEDGED IN THE DOOR.

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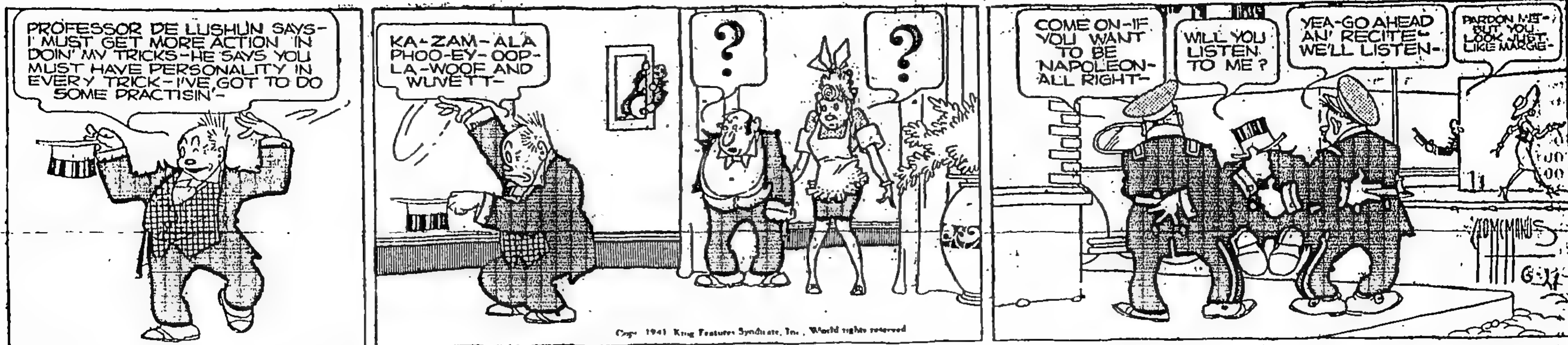
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Knowledge Of Etiquette

If I were a young girl, and a bit shy as many young girls are, I would buy myself a reliable book on etiquette and study it as diligently as I did to study history in school. For a knowledge of how to behave in the company of others is most conducive to poise. When a girl knows what to say when introduced, how to eat properly, how to accept an invitation to dances and carry on a conversation, she loses much of her timidity.

I ran across a delightful book for young ladies called, "Etiquette, Jr.," written by Mary E. Clark and Margery C. Quigley. In simple steps and simple language these two women tell how to become an attractive lady with the most charming manners.

For instance, about the introduction problem. Many, many girls write me that they are shy when introduced because they do not know what to say. One girl wrote me recently: "I keep myself looking very attractive. I groom as you tell me to groom and many friends have called me 'pretty.' But I am not popular because I am shy when I meet boys and shy when I am introduced to strangers. Dear Miss Lindsay, I want friends. What can I do to acquire poise and conquer this shyness?"

Well here is an answer to at least one of that girl's problem, culled from the little book I mentioned.



Charming Anne Baxter, with her ready smile, has won the hearts of many. Anne says: "Once a girl knows the little rules of etiquette she feels much more sure of herself!"

How Do You Do?

When a boy and girl are introduced to each other, the boy is presented to the girl thus: "Miss Perkins, may I present Mr. Brown?"

A boy is taken over to a girl, to be introduced; the girl is never brought to the boy.

They both reply, "How do you do?"

It is not necessary to say the word "present." You may simply say, "Miss Perkins, Mr. Brown," with the emphasis on "Miss Perkins." The girl's name is always spoken first.

Never say: "Meet my friend!" "Meet Miss So-and-so!" "Shake hands with" "Make you acquainted with"

The girl offers her hand if she desires, but unless the person introduced to her is much older than she or very distinguished, she merely bows and smiles and says, "How do you do?"

The boy does not offer his hand unless the girl has first extended hers. The choice between shaking hands and not shaking hands rests with the girl. However, no girl must ever refuse to take an extended hand, as that is rank discourtesy.

Knowledge Banishes Shyness

An introduction is simple, is it not? Yes, and all the other little courtesies of good taste are just as simple once you learn them. Rather than hide your beauty at home and feel sorry about being lonely, I advise every timid young girl (or older girl) to learn by heart these little courtesies—and then to go out and practice them at every opportunity. In no time at all the poise and companionship for which you longed will be yours!

Stop And Think

Get new ideas, even if you do seem to be contradicting yourself sometimes.

Never mind what you said yesterday if you are differently convinced to-day. It simply shows you have grown wiser.

That doesn't mean you have to be a wobbler. Make up your mind to do a thing and do it.

But don't be afraid to throw aside your pet opinions if something happens to give you a new viewpoint.

By changing your mind, you can change your health. Negative

thoughts such as worry, depression, doubt, jealousy, spite, generate a poison in the system and do you physical harm.

The determination to think hopefully, to love deeply, to master petty jealousy, makes your blood run more swiftly, drives away sluggishness, makes you feel buoyant and strong.

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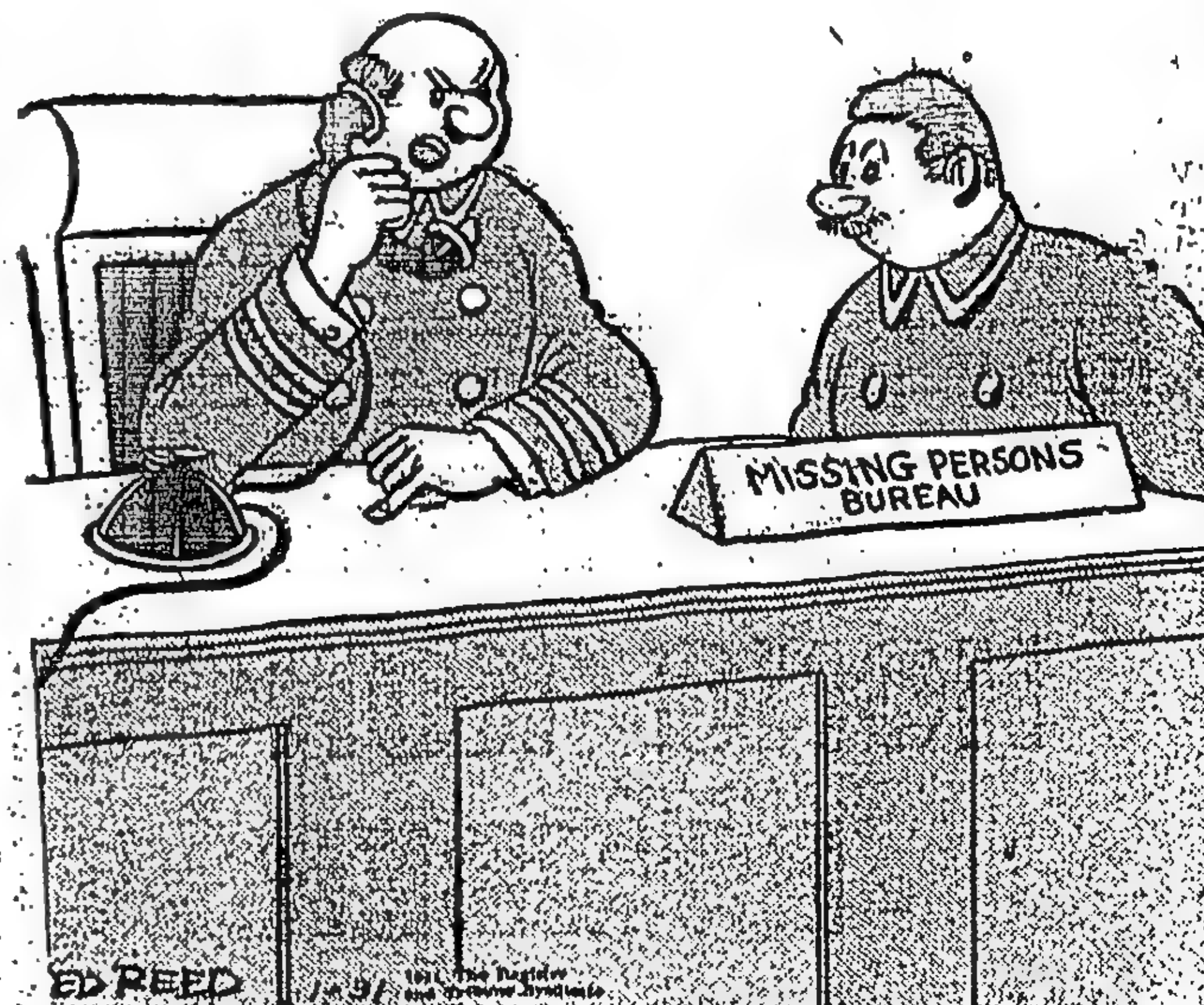
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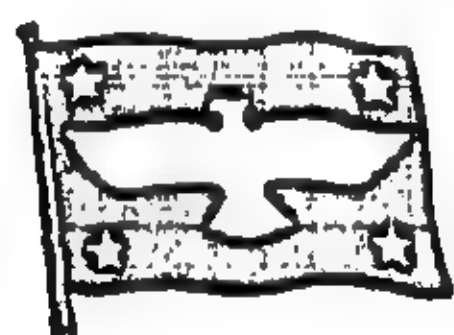
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'NO'—FROM A SCOT MEANS NO

There is a streak of Scottish doggedness in Murdo Mackenzie, who is 55 and comes from Cawdor, Nairn, writes a "Daily Mail" reporter.

It earned him a month's gaol when he appeared before Sir Kynaston Studd at the Mansion House recently for not making a return to the Bank of England of £1,900 in Canadian securities.

Ho'ly, Mr. Mackenzie declared that he had told the Treasury all about the securities.

With this, Mr. H. D. Barry (for the Public Prosecutor) agreed. But, he indicated, the trouble was that the immovable Scot refused to fill up the form of registry of the securities with the Bank of England. By law this form had to be completed.

The interchange of request and refusal had been going on since November of last year.

Given A Chance

Mr. Mackenzie had declared that he had made all his money in Canada and was so loyal to Canada that he would not transfer any securities from that Dominion.

He said so, added Mr. Barry, point-blank and often in a very abusive strain.

They sent him a summons to attend court. He said he would not go. So he was arrested. And from Cawdor, Nairn, he had been brought that day before the court.

There is a quality of forbearance about British justice. Sir Kynaston invited the resistant Scot to make the return in court—and save himself from a lot of trouble.

Said Mr. Mackenzie briefly: I will not.

He was told he could be fined £5,700 and sent to prison. He still refused.

He was told he was not asked to part with his money, only to sign a form listing his securities. He still said no.

He was handed the form and given another chance to sign it.

At this Murdo shouted defiance at the court and all other authority.

And at that he was taken away to prison.

PILOT'S LAST THOUGHTS

A Sergeant Pilot, Robert Rose, who died on war service last October, left a will which provides £20 for "a binge" by members of his squadron and a like amount for "a cheerful celebration" by a peacetime flying section.

Sergeant Pilot Rawlings, now believed to have been killed in action in the Middle East, wrote a letter, which was only to be delivered if anything happened to him, in which he told his parents "remember me to everyone at home, tell them I am proud to have been able to die for them. I will think of you all at the last, not as a mourning family but as a family happy because they have done their share."

Wing Commander Douglas Bader, the legless air ace, baled out over occupied France and broke one of his metal legs.

There was great competition among Bader's bus service—the name, give his squadron owing to the regularity with which it swept France—for the honour of dropping another leg for him.

The was done during another sweep over France and it is now known to have been delivered safely.

BOMB GAVE A HAIR-WAVE

A woman in a south coast town had her hair singed and waved free.

An incendiary bomb fell on the pillow beside her and the heat made her hair curl. She was unhurt.

RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Schubert—Sonata in A Minor.
1st Mov. Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov. Adagio; 3rd Mov. Allegretto.
Emanuel Feuermann (Cello) and Gerald Moore (Piano).

12.50 p.m.—Some Schubert Songs.
The Erl King... Alexander Kipnis (Bass) with Piano.
Gretchen At The Spinning Wheel... Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Harry Roy's Stage Show.
Harry Roy & his Orchestra (Recorded at the actual performance at the Holborn Empire, London).

1.10 p.m.—Light French Songs by Lys Gauty and Maurice Chevalier.
Tzinga Diddle-Dee (from film "Beloved Vagabond"—Heymann)... Maurice Chevalier (Baritone) with Orchestra.

A Song Selection—Intro: Ca Sent La Friture; J'Alme Tes Grands Yeux; Qui J'Alme; Le Bistrot Du Port... Lys Gauty with Orchestra.
You Look So Sweet, Madame (from film "Beloved Vagabond")... Maurice Chevalier (Baritone) with Orchestra.

A Song Selection (cont.)—Intro: Le Chaland Qui Passe; Le Moulin Qui Jase; A Paris Dans Chaque Fauxbourg... Lys Gauty with Orchestra.
Ma Pomme—Fox-Trot (Bigot-Borel-Clerc)... Maurice Chevalier (Vocal) with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety Programme.
Comedienne—What Can You Give A Nudist? (Le Clair)... Bertha Willmott with Orchestra.

Banjo—St. Louis Blues (Handy)... Eddie Peabody with Piano.
Comedienne—Up Around The Ole North Pole (Hardgrave)... Bertha Willmott with Orchestra.

Instrumental—Some Of These Days (Brooks)... Eddie Peabody with Piano.
Humorous Monologue—The Mayor (John Tilley)... John Tilley.

Organ—Six Hit Medley (No. 5)—Intro: My Heart and I; A Little Rendezvous In Honolulu (Guitar); Diddle-dum-dee (Vocal) Why Did She Fall For The Leader Of The Band; Alone; Fancy Meeting You (Vocal) Alone; Harry Crouden.

Humorous Monologue—The Scoutmaster (Tilley)... John Tilley.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—A Dvorak Programme.

Quintet In A Major, Op. 81—1st Mov. Allegro, ma non tanto; 2nd Mov. Dumka; 3rd Mov. Scherzo (Furiant); 4th Mov. Finale—Allegro... Artur Schnabel and The Pro Arte Quartet.

Songs My Mother Taught Me... Dino Borgioli (Tenor) with Ivor Newton (Piano, Violin).

Indian Lament... Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano accomp.

7.30 p.m.—The Philharmonic Orchestra.
"The Barber Of Seville"—Overture (Rossini); Waltz and Finale from "Serenade", Op. 48 (Tchaikovsky); Salome's Dance (from "Salome"—Richard Strauss); Hungarian Dance No. 1 and 3 (Brahms).

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post", Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Tito Schipa (Tenor) in A Spanish Programme.

Spanish Dance (Granados-Kreisler) ... Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accomp.

Angela Mia (My Angel—Schlipa); Betrayed Woman—Neapolitan Melody (Cortillo-Schlipa)... Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Narrative Of The Torreador (Turina) ... Gordon String Quartet.

Farewell, My Granada (Calleja-Barferra)... Tito Schipa with Orch.

Goyescas—Intermezzo (Granados)... Pablo Casals (Cello) with Piano accomp.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcement.

9.02 p.m.—Study—"To-night We Present", A Review of New Records.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—The Leona. Cuban-Boys.
Blue Rumba—Rumba Bleue (Cresche & Vasquez); Rumba Fox-Trot—Cubanakan (Molles Simons); Conga-La Havana—Paris (Cresche); Rumba—Cachita (Hernandez).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music and Variety.

Fox-Trot—Love For Sale; Speak Your Heart... Hal Kemp & his Orchestra.

Piano—If I Should Fall In Love Again (Popplewell); Vagabond Dreams (Lawrence & Carmichael)... Turner Layton.

Slow Fox-Trot—There'll Never Be Another You; Quick-Step—The Lady Is A Tramp (from "Babes In Arms")... Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.

Comedy Sketch—Sandy's Happy Home (Fowell & Thomson)... Sandy Fowell and Company.

Waltz—Alice Blue Gown; Fox-Trot—Iron (both from film "Trene"—McCarthy)... Wayne King and his Orchestra.

Vocal—Spon (from film "Strike Up The Band"—Gershwin); They Can't Take That Away From Me (from film "Shall We Dance"—Gershwin) ... Connie Boswell with Orchestra.

Rumba Fox-Trot—The Gaucho Serenade; Fox-Trot—Nobilita (Her Name Was "Rosita")... Ambrose and his Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"War Correspondents"—Alan Bell.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

TERRIBLE STATE IN SOUTH OF FRANCE

Terrible conditions in the South of France, where Germans and Italians are driving the population to starvation, were described by Misses Alison and Rosemary Fraser, of Sydney, who have arrived in England after being trapped on the Continent since the war began.

Alison Fraser said, "People are living like princes in England compared with formerly exotic Cannes, where children are dying from malnutrition. During the past 10 months, when we were confined in the south of France, we breakfasted on hot water and survived on vegetables."

"The weekly ration comprised 30 grammes of butter, the same of cheese, and one chop, which we divided into sections, giving a tiny mouthful daily. Potatoes, rice, tea, coffee, eggs, milk and porridge were unobtainable."

"Germans and Italians rifled shops, stripped the countryside and commandeered 75 per cent. of food imported into Marseilles. Only when the last dress and shoes are worn to rags can clothes be replaced and it is impossible to make clothes at home because needles, pins and cotton are unobtainable."

"I saw boys and girls fainting from exhaustion in queues, and mothers begging milk on their knees for babies."

"Money does not mean a thing in the south of France, where rich and poor become queue comrades."

The Frasers intend to remain in England doing war work.

PROBLEM FOR JUDGE

In a summons for the construction of the will of Lord Leverhulme, Mr. Justice Farwell, in the Chancery Division, was asked to decide who were the descendants of Queen Victoria living on May 7, 1925, the day Lord Leverhulme died.

Mr. Neville Gray, K.C., for Mr. Francis D'Arcy Cooper (who received a baronetcy in the honours list published recently), the independent trustee of the will, which was dated Sept. 11, 1924, said the main question was whether certain trusts which tied up income for a period, which had reference to the lives of the descendants of Queen Victoria living at the death of Lord Leverhulme, was or was not "void for uncertainty."

It might be impossible, having regard to the recent history of Europe, to trace who those people were and whether they were alive on the date in question.

The ordinary shares bequeathed to the trustees were now represented by £2,991,350 Ordinary Stock of Lever Brothers, Ltd., and additional investments.

There was an affidavit by Mr. A. T. Butler, Windsor Herald, who in 1922 prepared for private purposes a chart showing the lineal descendants of Queen Victoria at that time. He said it was quite probable that some of the Continental descendants of Queen Victoria had fallen into "penury and obscurity." The summons was adjourned.

"LITTLE ADMIRAL" MISSING

Grimsby's Little Admiral, Ben Stern, A.B. 18, of Carrlane, is missing.

Ben earned his title when, at 12, he wrote to the Admiralty asking to enter the Service. "At the Battle of Oran he was in the thick of the fighting," his father told the "Daily Mirror."

POLO CLUB GYMKHANA ON NOV. 1

The Hong Kong Polo Club Gymkhana in aid of the B.W.O.F. which was postponed from last May, has been arranged to take place on Saturday, November 1. There will be a jumping competition for China and Australian ponies, six jumps, show jumping conditions.

Entries will close on Saturday, October 25, and will be accepted up to that time. Entries should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Polo Club, Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon.

Facilities for practice jumping and schooling may be arranged at Whitfield Barracks on application to the Hon. Secretary. A nominal fee for each pony will be charged.

CENSOR QUESTION BY M.P.

AN ALLEGATION THAT LETTERS FROM PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY ARE BEING CENSORED IN BRITAIN IS CONTAINED IN A QUESTION WHICH SIR WILLIAM DAVISON (CONS., KENSINGTON) WILL ASK IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS SHORTLY.

He will ask the Minister of Information, the result of his inquiry into complaints that criticism of the British Red Cross in letters from prisoners of war to relatives in Britain have been blacked out by the British censor and in what circumstances and by whose authority this action has been taken.

Several questions about the welfare of prisoners of war are down for answer in the House of Commons.

In the House of Lords, Lord Mottistone will suggest to the Government that the non-allotted pay of prisoners of war should be treated as savings and credited to them at 2½ per cent. interest.

NEW NAZI CAMPAIGN OF TERROR

The German Gauleiter Greiser, Governor of Wartheland, in occupied Poland, has added to his crimes one without equal even in German occupations.

His newspaper, the "Ostdeutscher Beobachter," published on June 10 an announcement by the German Chief Attorney in Wartheland that by Greiser's order three Poles, Kalixt Perkowski, Wilhelm Czarnecki, and Piotr Sand, had been publicly hanged in the market square in Kutno, and one Jew, Abraham Hersz Kantorowicz, in the market square in Wloclawek. They were all charged with delivering granulated sugar from Wartheland to Warsaw and other Central Polish towns.

Greiser's action is declared in the German statement to be justified because the delivery of food from Wartheland to the "General Government" represents an illegal speculation, which it is in the interest of the Germans living in Wartheland to stamp out as soon as possible. Public executions have therefore been decided on in the hope that they will terrorise those who practice such speculations and contraband traffic.

DEATH PARTS R.A.F. LOVERS

A month after becoming engaged to Miss S. M. P. Coggins, an assistant section officer in the W.A.A.F., Pilot Officer John Piplady Brown, a Spitfire pilot, has been killed.

EFFECTS OF THE ECONOMIC WAR ON HITLER

REVIEWING THE EFFECTS OF THE ECONOMIC WAR ON GERMANY AT THE CLOSE OF THE SECOND YEAR OF THE WAR, ECONOMIC EXPERTS IN LONDON SAY THAT CIVILIANS AND NON-ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND OF GERMANY ITSELF ARE NOW FEELING THE PINCH ACUTELY.

It is probable that political and economic considerations will make it difficult for the German leaders to reduce much further the amount of food and raw materials available either to their own civilian and consumer industries or those of occupied countries.

The extremely thorough looting of these countries in 1940-1941 makes it necessary for the Germans now to supply them in many cases with food and raw materials.

German military requirements (for example, labour in defence works) have also in some cases conflicted with economic requirements (for example, agricultural labour) in occupied countries. The whole German machinery of exploitation is weakened further by active or passive resistance in Western Europe fostered by the knowledge of Germany's Eastern preoccupations.

Oil, rubber and some ferro-alloys and non-ferrous metals and vegetable oil are European, not only German, deficiencies.

No amount of preparation or ingenuity can increase European production or synthetic capacity, thereby making their problems one of labour and administration as much as supply.

Russian Campaign

In this connection, too, the Russian campaign is of great importance. It is reducing German stocks of oil, rubber and raw materials; it emphasises difficulties in transport which are among Germany's most serious problems in the economic exploitation of blockaded Europe and above all it is draining German manpower whose strength is required not only to maintain armies of occupation in Europe but also amongst other things to grow food which Europe cannot import and to mine coal to make synthetic oil and rubber.

Summing up, experts say that the effects of the blockade are at present seen most clearly in the German difficulties in regard to manpower, transport and administration but these are only outcomes of Germany's supply difficulties which will rapidly in-

FUNERAL OF MR. J. F. FISHER

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. JOSEPH FREDERICK FISHER, 52, WHO DIED IN ST. FRANCIS' HOSPITAL, YESTERDAY MORNING TOOK PLACE IN THE AFTERNOON, AT 5.30, AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY.

Deceased, an old resident of the Colony, is survived by his widow, father, sons and daughters who were all present at the funeral.

Among others present were Messrs. C. A. Valle, F. P. Lenfesty, A. Loureiro, H. Hyndman, F. X. D'Almeida e Castro, C. A. Morant, E. L. Barros, C. L. Rocha, H. Barros, L. Barros, F. A. Baptista, R. J. Santos, S. A. Marcel, J. M. Rodrigues, Miss B. Rodrigues, L. Kum, J. Neves, P. Xavier, Mrs. J. P. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Soenderam, Mrs. M. Lenz, W. Gomez, F. Gomez, Mrs. Banerjee, Miss F. Rull, Mr. and Mrs. R. Morales, J. Morales, Miss M. Forde, Mrs. J. Carmo, A. Carmo, P. Carmo, H. Carmo, Mrs. R. Rodrigues, Mrs. B. Castilho, W. Wong, J. A. Anderson, D. F. Lopes, F. Roza-Pereira, J. Lima, R. Remedios, J. Remedios, Miss R. Hartmann, A. Hartmann, J. Toledo, Miss S. Mak, F. Morales, Leo Wingling, Miss Foo-ching, Mrs. Sek Yee-koo, Mrs. Chan Tai-koo, F. Holmes, Miss E. Xavier, J. M. Conceicao, V. Costa, F. Row, R. Row, and J. M. Jesus, whilst many beautiful floral tributes were also received from the late Mr. Fisher's many friends.

Striking Evidence

The most striking evidence of the blockade's effectiveness comes from a German source, the economist Josef Winschuh who wrote in the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" on May 14, 1941:—"Our ability to continue the war lies not only in continental reserves and in the production capacity of Europe but also in Russia's natural possibilities of supply to us."

"At present we are already using our reserves and we must see to it that they are replaced and enlarged. Everything must be done not to lose the advantage we had at the outbreak of the war." Reuter.

BOMB DAMAGES BOW BELLS

More details can now be revealed of damage to London landmarks caused in recent air raids.

St. Mary-le-Bow Church, famous the world over for its Bow Bells, a peal which the B.B.C. at one time used as an interval signal, was bombed and may have to be demolished. It was these bells which were said to have called back Dick Whittington to Lord Mayor of London. The chief wreckage was to the nave and chancel. The western front and steeple was left leaning at an angle over Cheapside.

National Liberal Club, in Whitehall Court, had its grand staircase wrecked by a heavy bomb which crashed through a glass dome in the centre of the building.

St. Dunstan's, in Regent's Park, has again been damaged by blast. The departments there ministering to the needs of the blind have had to find new quarters.

National Sunday School Union has lost its administrative headquarters and publications department.

Old Musical Instruments

Old Devonshire House, the Bloomsbury music museum, was burnt out. It was an example of Stuart architecture built by the third Earl of Devonshire after the Great Fire of London. It housed a rare collection of harpsichords, virginals and other old instruments and furniture owned by Major Benton Fletcher and recently presented by him to the National Trust.

Alexandra Hotel, Hyde Park Corner, was hit on an upper floor. Several people, including members of the staff, were killed or injured.

Grand Priory Church, used by members of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, was burnt out. The King has granted them the use of the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace.

Bar's Hospital has suffered again. One bomb fell on the house of the Clerk to the Governors and another on a ward block which had been used by medical students.

St. Luke's L.C.C. Hospital, Sydney Street, Chelsea, was also

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NOBLE LIKELY TO MEET AROMIN IN OCT. 3 TOURNEY

By "Incog."

TWO CLOSELY MATCHED BOXING BOUTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME ARRANGED FOR OCTOBER 3, IN AID OF THE BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR FUND AT THE STAR THEATRE, IF PRESENT PLANS MATURE.

BUX SEEKS FIGHTS IN PHILIPPINES

"YOUNG" IRON BUX, BANTAMWEIGHT AMATEUR BOXING CHAMPION OF HONG KONG, IS CONTEMPLATING A TRIP TO THE PHILIPPINES TO SEEK SOME FIGHTS DOWN THERE, AND TO THIS END HAS APPROACHED MR. "VIC" HUGO, MANAGER OF THE ORIENTAL THEATRE, WHO IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH SOME OF THE LEADING PROMOTERS IN MANILA, TO LEND HIS ASSISTANCE IN FIXING UP A FEW BOUTS.

"Young" Bux is described by sound judges of boxing as a "very promising boy who fights like his father," and when it is mentioned that his father, Iron Bux, is ex-lightweight champion of the Orient and one of the best boxers in the Philippines, where he had won every title from bantam to middleweight, for many years, that should be recommendation enough.

There is just the possibility that Bux will be seen in the ring here next month, when the tournament in aid of War Charities is staged at the Star Theatre. His opponent then would be a Chinese boy named "Tony," who is also reputed to be a useful boxer.

When Gene Tunney decided to become a professional boxer he had two ambitions—to make a million dollars and to become champion of the world.

The sports pages will rival the first pages when Villanova starts its 1941 sophomore backfield of Pezelski, Zamjynski, Koproski and Dzitzof.

George Sisti hit in 41 straight games but didn't hit a homer. In the same number straight Joe Di Maggio got a dozen.

It has been suggested that the main event be a 10-round heavy-weight contest between Pte. Moran, Army champion, and Lieut. Millar, Royal Scots, with another 10-round bout in the feather-weight division between Pte. Noble, Middlesex Regiment, holder of the Army featherweight title, and "Young" Aromin, holder of the Colony championship belt. As far as can be ascertained, both Noble and Aromin are anxious to meet each other, but things are not so definite regarding the heavyweight bout.

Not Invited Yet

Asked whether he had been invited to take part in the tournament, Lieut. Millar stated last evening that he had not heard officially yet, adding that he would have to think things over even if he is asked, as he had not been in training since the Inter-Unit tournament some months ago. It will be recalled that at that tournament Millar lost narrowly to Moran on points and the decision was received with mixed feelings.

The organisers of this programme are planning to have two other boxing matches included in the programme, one between "Young" Iron Bux and a Chinese opponent, while Aromin's younger brother, Johnny, will probably figure against a Chinese opponent from "Sky" Lee's boxing school. Supporters of all-in wrestling will also be catered for as two bouts have been tentatively included in the programme, and it is understood that four of the Colony's best Indian wrestlers will also be seen in action.

South China are extending their covered stand another 100 feet and will thus be able to accommodate another 1,000 spectators.

Sgt. Whelan, Royal Engineers, has been appointed secretary-manager of Royal Engineers' football teams.

As Hong Kong Football Association have as yet no jurisdiction over the players of different clubs—it still being the close season—South China are issuing invitations to the members of the last Governor's Cup team to play against South China on Sunday, September 21, at Caroline Hill in aid of British and Chinese Charities.



F. Fowler, who will captain Hong Kong Football Club this coming season.

FOOTBALL REFEREE LEAVING.

Hong Kong Football Association will be losing one of their most popular referees when P. O. Marie, R.N., leaves in the near future.

Marie has only been in the Colony a little over a year but has made himself popular with all with whom he has come in contact, particularly in football and water-polo circles.

Marie's first big assignment in the football world was the game between Sing Tao and South China at Caroline Hill, when relationships between those two teams were not of the best, but he handled a tough assignment in an excellent manner.

He has been one of the referees in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament and is considered to be one of the best here.

965TH R.A. SOCCER REGISTRATIONS

Following have been registered with Hong Kong Football Association by 965th R.A.: L/Bdr. Ward, Gnr. Miners, Gnr. Cook, Gnr. Bullen, L/Bdr. Minshall, Bdr. Roberts, L/Sgt. Downes, Gnr. Langridge, Gnr. J. Brown, Gnr. L. Brown, Gnr. Hall, Gnr. Thomas, L/Bdr. Barnes, B. S. M. Carley.

AUSTRALIA BEAT ENGLAND IN CRICKET "TEST" PLAYED AT SINGAPORE

B. A. Barnett, Australian Test cricketer, who succeeded W. A. Oldfield as Australia's leading wicket-keeper, played an attractive innings for 45 runs for Australia against England in a "Test" match at Singapore on August 24, when the Australians won by 7 wickets.

Barnett opened the innings and stayed at the wicket until England's total was passed.

Hailing from Victoria, Barnett has visited England on two occasions with Australian Test teams, the first time in 1934 and the second in 1938. On the first tour he acted as reserve wicket-keeper, and did not play in any Test, but he was Australia's regular wicket-keeper on his second visit to England.

A. C. Growden, former H.K.C.C. cricketer, was in the Australian team and distinguished himself with the ball, taking 4 wickets for 15 runs. The scores were—

England: 88 (G. W. S. Wailes 20, N. C. Brown 19, C. Milton 13, Growden 4 for 15, Ward 4 for 9) and 64 for 8 wickets. (J. A. P. Camoron 20, J. Willoughby 10, G. W. S. Wailes 12, Ward 5 for 15). Australia: 160 for 9 dec. (Edwards 61, Barnett 45, Guard 22, W. K. Jagger 5 for 39).

LARGE UNIT COMPETITION

The semi-finals of the Army Large Units cricket competition in Singapore were decided recently, the teams qualifying for the final being Manchester and Singapore Fortress Signals.

OLDFIELD NOW A CAPTAIN

W. A. Oldfield, famous Australian Test cricketer, who served as a stretcher-bearer in the last war, has been appointed a Captain in Australia's new Armoured Division.

Manchesters beat Gordons by 180 runs, the scores being— Manchesters: 218 (Pte. Wilks 91, Lieut. Gardner 30, Cpl. Freer 20, Pte. Darby 3 for 45) and 234 (Lieut. Isherwood 60, Cpl. Freer 37, Lieut. Gardner 33, Darby 2 for 15). Gordons: 121 (Pte. Darby 39, Capt. Duke 22, Howbrook 4 for 42, Oldham 4 for 37) and 145 (Pte. Leach 50, Pte. Darby 32, Howbrook 6 for 63, Barlow 5 for 41).

Win For Signals

Signals beat K.K.S.R.A. by 2 wickets, the scores being— K.K.S.R.A.: 105 (Ninnes 33, Gould 26, Holden 6 for 10) and 123 (Ninnes 63, Drieberg 29, Ross 3 for 10, Holden 4 for 20). Signals: 173 (Twidley 70, Churchill 25, Young 2 for 6, Long 2 for 30) and 63 for 8 (Churchill 16, Moorhouse 16, Hill 4 for 6, Station 3 for 10).

CLUB LOOK FORWARD TO BEST SEASON IN VERY MANY YEARS

By "Referee"

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB HOPE TO HAVE ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASONS IN YEARS AS THEY ARE FORTUNATE IN HAVING ALL THEIR OLD PLAYERS AVAILABLE AND SEVERAL NEWCOMERS, WHILE THERE SHOULD BE LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN FIELDING A PROMISING JUNIOR SIDE OWING TO THE KEENNESS ALREADY SHOWN BY A NUMBER OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

Club will, however, be greatly affected by Volunteer exercises if individual units go out during week-ends for training. Whereas Kowloon have most of their Volunteers in Machine-Gun Companies and St. Joseph's in Corps Artillery, Club have members in nearly all the units of the Corps so that they will be affected almost every week.

J. Odell will be greatly missed in goal, though there are several candidates for the position. S. Fowler, Marvin and Eardley will be among these, and of these Fowler will probably be given the position.

Eardley will not be able to turn out every week owing to his duties, but he is also a useful back and may be required in that division.

S. Strange will be playing again this season, Fallacy, a Tientsin Interporter, has joined and is understood to be good, while Rowe, who played for Oxford University during the 1939-40 season at left-back, is also expected to turn out. Besides this trio Club have Upton, vice-captain, Eardley, H. Millington and Sloan to fall back on for full-backs.

K. Forrow will occupy the pivotal position, while the wing-halves will be chosen from E. Strange, J. Skinner and A. Odell. The last-named showed promise at the end of last season of making a good half-back.

Seymour, a newcomer, will also be a candidate for one of these positions. Club lack an inside-right in their forward line, in which will be Gardner, of Hong Kong Electric, F. Fowler, Rietsen, and Bickford.

Fowler, the new captain, will lead the

attack with Rietsen as his inside-left and Bickford on the left-wing. Gardner, who has played in representative games for two seasons, while with a Third Division side, will be seen on the right-wing.

Albert Ege, who has played in Switzerland and Calcutta, is another newcomer who has yet to be seen in action. In spite of great difficulty last season Club completed their fixtures in

Second Division, but with the large number of players available this season they hope to do very much better. Club have lost Carr and Lodge, who will be playing for Lancashire, and Bond and McEwan, who was injured last season, may be required for the senior team.

Among the players who have promised to turn out this season, for the juniors are Bond, Atkinson, the Rugby fly-half, N. L. Smith, Dr. Shaw, Roscoe, Gratton (captain), Gluchrist, McEwan, Morrison, Gow, Haynes, Kennard, Ainslie and Lockhart. Club practice nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the first friendly games will be against Royal Engineers (Junior and Senior) on Saturday next, September 13.

INDIANS TO MEET BOWLS CHAMPIONS

Indian Recreation Club will be playing off their First Division Lawn Bowls League match against Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday, at Sookunpoo, and will be turning out the identical team that scored a clean sweep win over Kowloon Cricket Club last Saturday, as follows:—

A. K. Saffad, M. B. Hassan, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (Skip); U. A. Rumjahn, A. K. Ismail, J. Hoosen and A. R. Dallah (Skip); D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, A. H. Rumjahn and A. K. Minu (Skip).

Joe Di Maggio and Lefty Gomez are the most modern of the Yankee players. They live in pent houses.

Freddy Hutchinson, Detroit farm hand at Buffalo, leads the International League pitchers and is hitting .330. He often is used as a pinch hitter.

The next meeting of Macao Jockey Club will be held on the Arca Jockeys, Macao, on Sunday, September 21, the first saddling bell being at 2.30 p.m.

Merry Madcaps beat Cyclones in a friendly football game at Caroline Hill during the week by 14 runs to 13, after an extra training. Hassan, of Cyclones, scored a home run, while Hollands hit a two-bagger.

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S. CHINA BEAT ARMY

At King's Park, South China Athletic Association, who have already won the title, completed their fixtures when they beat Army Tennis Club by 7½ sets to 1½ sets in Second Division of the Tennis League on Tuesday.

C. P. Ip and W. H. Ho (S.C.A.A.) beat Capt. Guest and S/Sgt. Webb 6-3
beat Capt. Skipwith and Lieut. T. A. Pearce 6-4
beat Capt. Head and Lieut. J. Pearce 6-3
W. T. Lee and W. C. Hoh (S.C.A.A.) drew with Guest and Webb 6-6
beat Skipwith and Pearce 6-0
beat Head and Pearce 6-0
K. C. Wan and C. L. Lau (S.C.A.A.) lost to Guest and Webb 5-7
beat Skipwith and Pearce 6-2
beat Head and Pearce 6-3

Table To Date

	Sets	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	5 5 0 0 40 2 41 10	
C.R.C.	4 2 1 1 20 16 5 6	
K.T.G.C.A.	4 2 2 0 17 18 2 4	
K.C.C.	3 1 2 0 8 12 2 2	
C.S.C.C.	4 1 3 0 11 25 2 2	
A.T.C.	4 0 3 1 10 23 1 1	

Season's Record

Following were South China's results during the season:
beat Civil Service Cricket Club 9-0
beat Kowloon Cricket Club 8-1
beat Chinese Recreation Club 8-1
beat Kowloon Tong G.C.A. 8-1
beat Army Tennis Club 7½-1½

Pairings

Following were their pairings:
W. T. Lee and W. C. Hoh
v Civil Service Cricket Club 3-0
v Kowloon Cricket Club 3-0
v Chinese Recreation Club 2-1
v Kowloon Tong G.C.A. 3-0
v Army Tennis Club 2½-0½
K. H. Ip and W. H. Ho
v Kowloon Tong G.C.A. 3-0
v Chinese Recreation Club 3-0
S. C. Dew and B. Szeto
v Chinese Recreation Club 3-0
v Kowloon Tong G.C.A. 2-1
S. T. Lee and H. C. Wong
v Civil Service Cricket Club 3-0
W. H. Ho and Szeto Bick
v Civil Service Cricket Club 3-0
W. H. Ho and K. C. Wan
v Kowloon Cricket Club 2-1
K. H. Ip and Szeto Bick
v Kowloon Cricket Club 3-0
K. C. Wan and C. L. Lau
v Army Tennis Club 2-1
C. P. Yip and W. H. Ho
v Army Tennis Club 3-0

MEDICALS WIN OVER ROYALS

Royal Army Medical Corps "B" beat Royal Scots by 2 points to 1 in "B" Division of Army Tennis League at Sookunpoo on Tuesday.

L/Sgt. Aisey and L/Cpl. Glasgow (R.S.) beat Sgt. Parkin and Sgt. Fortnell 6-1, 6-3.

L/Cpl. Downing and Pte. Ross (R.S.) lost to Sgt. Smith and Pte. Langley 5-7, 4-6.

Cpl. Octon and Pte. Gilroy (R.E.) lost to S/Sgt. Shorthouse and L/Cpl. Watt 3-6, 3-6.

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
12th R.A.	33	30	3	30
Royal Scots	36	30	6	30
R.A.M.C. "A"	33	26	7	26
R.A.M.C. "B"	33	24	9	24
36th R.A.	36	24	12	24
R.A.O.C.	33	18	15	18
5th A.A. R.A.	33	15	18	15
R.E.	33	14	19	14
Middlesex	27	12	15	12
R. Signals	30	12	18	12
24th R.A.	36	12	24	12

ARMY TENNIS RESULTS

Following are the latest results in the Army Tennis Championships:

Other Ranks Singles:—Sgt. Martin beat S/Sgt. Adlam; Sgt. Webb beat Pte. Gingell; S/Sgt. Megson beat Pte. Willis; Sgt. Munson beat Cpl. Watt.
Army Singles:—S. A. Hussain beat Pte. Ross.

Bryan Grant, Atlanta's little tennis star, says this is his last season in tournament play.

All Tennis League matches arranged for yesterday were postponed owing to the rain which fell early in the afternoon.

COLONY AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Intending competitors are reminded that entries for the Annual Colony Swimming Championships, to be held at Victoria Recreation Club on September 25 and 27, and October 2 and 4, close on Saturday, September 6, at 5 p.m.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Kowloon Golf Club, postponed from last Thursday, will be held this evening at the Clubhouse, Kowloon City, at 6 p.m.

Formerly a champion diver, Jack C. Ledford of Columbus, Ohio, is now learning power dives from 15,000 feet. He's a Flying Cadet receiving basic flight training at Randolph Field, Texas. Ledford placed sixth in the national diving championship tournament last year while a student of Ohio State.

RUMJAHN CLOCKED AT 70.8

HIGHLIGHT OF THE MEMBERS' SWIMMING GALA AT VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB LAST EVENING WAS A. K. RUMJAHN'S FINE EFFORT IN THE 100 YARDS BACK-STROKE EVENT WHEN, STARTING AT 20, HE FINISHED SECOND TO H. REYNOLDS (15) IN THE EXCELLENT TIME OF 70 4/8 SECONDS.

This is particularly interesting in view of the reports that Rumjahn will be going all out to break the 70 seconds mark at the forthcoming Colony Championships.

Miss Celeste Guterres also showed up very prominently, when she was paced by C. Marcal in the 50 Yards free-style "A" Class (Ladies) event as there were no other entries. She returned 32-2/5 seconds, while it was due mainly to her efforts that "Blenheims" won the mixed relay race.

Miss Guterres was third to swim for her team and up to that stage they were trailing some 10 yards, but she not only made up that distance but actually gave the next swimmer a full yard advantage.

The results were:—
Boys' 100 Yards free-style Handicap: 1. J. Anderson, Jr.; 2. C. Guterres; 3.

J. Roza-Pereira. Time: 70-3/5 secs.
Girls' 50 Yards free-style Handicap: 1. Miss Myra Noronha; 2. Miss T. Yvanovich; 3. Miss Yvonne Yolle. Time: 42-1/5 secs.
Members' 100 Yards back-stroke Handicap: 1. H. Reynolds (15); 2. A. K. Rumjahn (20); 3. L. Roza-Pereira (23). Times were 60-1/5, 70-4/8 and 74-2/5 secs. respectively.

DID YOU KNOW?

Detroit have never finished last in the American League. St. Louis have never won a pennant in that league.

Baseball rules forbid a catcher to block the plate unless he has the ball. The rules are broken almost every day.

Next year's national all-star baseball game may find the players attired in special uniforms. They have to date worn their own uniforms.

Bill McGannon, who starred at Notre Dame, will probably play tail-back for the Chicago Cards this Autumn. He has been signed.

Girls' 50 Yards free-style Handicap, "A" Class: 1. Miss Celeste Guterres. Time: 32-2/5 secs.

Members' 50 Yards free-style Handicap, "B" Class: 1. N. Broadbridge; 2. J. Roza-Pereira; 3. F. M. Britto. Time: 31-1/5 secs.

Boys' 100 Yards breast-stroke Handicap: 1. B. Pomeroy; 2. J. Roza-Pereira. Time: 94-1/5 secs.

Members' 220 Yards free-style Handicap: 1. L. M. Remedios; 2. Kenneth To; 3. C. Silva-Netto. Times were 2:55-3/5, 2:56 and 2:50-2/5 secs. respectively.

Girls' 25 Yards free-style Handicap: 1. Miss Laura Nolasco; 2. Miss M. Guterres; 3. Miss T. Noronha. Time: 19-2/5 secs.

Members' Diving Handicap: 1. P. Jorge; 2. R. Ribeiro; 3. G. Saunders. Girls' 50 Yards back-stroke Handicap: 1. Miss M. Guterres; 2. Miss Y. Yolle; 3. Miss M. Noronha. Time: 42-2/5 secs.

Boys' 50 Yards back-stroke Handicap: 1. G. Rosselot; 2. C. Guterres; 3. J. Roza-Pereira. Time: 41-1/5 secs.

Girls' 25 Yards breast-stroke Handicap: 1. Miss Myra Noronha; 2. Miss C. Monteiro; 3. Miss Y. Yolle. Time: 41-2/5 secs.

Members' 50 Yards breast-stroke Handicap: 1. A. Alves; 2. J. A. Marques; 3. C. Marcal. Time: 35-2/5 secs.

Mixed Relay Race: 1. "Blenheims" (L. Veria, P. Jorge, T. Lockhart, Miss C. Guterres and F. A. Noronha).

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NAZI INVINCIBILITY MYTH FINALLY BROKEN

Sir Archibald Sinclair's War Review

NO PACIFIC "CHARTER MEETING"

Supplementing the White House's denial that President Roosevelt has received an invitation to meet the Japanese Premier, Prince Konoye, on the high seas, the President's secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, yesterday said: "The only sea trip projected for the President is from Annapolis down the Chesapeake and up the Potomac to Washington, and any suspicious reporters may hire boats to follow the President's yacht."—Reuter.

SLID DOWN HOSES

Firemen slid down their hoses to escape the flames during a fire at Edinburgh book-binding premises. A crashing chimney stack injured one fireman.

Axis Shipping Losses More Than Ours

"THE SPELL OF German invincibility, which paralysed the will of the world a year ago, has now been finally broken," declared the British Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, in a speech at a luncheon in London yesterday.

He was replying to a message from the King, which read: "The two hard years that lie behind us have left us all unshaken in our determination to see justice and freedom re-established throughout the world and I cordially appreciate the loyal assurances of all who are present at your gathering to-day."

Points from Sir Archibald Sinclair's speech were:

"Our bombers got to Berlin on Tuesday night and hit the city hard."

There could be no doubt, he added, that the Germans were fully aware of the Prime Minister's words. "This is only the beginning."

for the second time that war was not worth while.

Such was Britain's plan and there was big progress in the advance towards achievement.

HE SAID THE R.A.F. WERE INFLECTING ON THE GERMANS AND ITALIANS GREATER SHIPPING LOSSES THAN THEY WERE INFLECTING ON BRITAIN.

"They are getting a double dose of the medicine which Hitler prescribed for us."

"In July we damaged or destroyed 82 Axis ships in the North Sea, the Adriatic and Mediterranean, amounting to 468,000 tons, and 52 ships in addition of unknown tonnage."

The New Bombs

Photographs showed widespread destruction wherever Britain's new bombs fell and they would go on falling more and more, night after night, until the German people, shattered and disillusioned, saw

Turning Point

"The Coastal Command is transferring the Battle of the Atlantic from the German attack on British shipping into a British attack on German shipping, and victory in this battle will be the turning point towards victory in the war."

The Battle of the Atlantic would require, probably for some time to come, an immense concentration of attention and effort to frustrate the German attacks.

"That it is not going too badly for us, however, is shown by the fact, firstly, that sinkings of British ships in July were the lowest in any months for more than a year, and, secondly, during the last 10 weeks the average weekly rate of merchandise imported from overseas exceeded 850,000 tons."

Bomber Attacks

Referring to German night-bomber attacks over Britain, Sir Archibald said their casualties, when they broke off bombing to attack Russia, were on some nights over 10 per cent.

He said Britain must expect a renewal of German night attacks but the Germans would pay dearly.

The British daylight offensive kept large forces of German fighters on the western front which otherwise would have been fighting against the Russians.

The R.A.F. was working night and day in an unremitting offensive to support our Russian ally who was fighting so magnificently.

The R.A.F. would grudge no sacrifice to help them.

Winning The War

"OUR ADMIRATION FOR THE RUSSIANS' DOGGED FIGHT IS UNBOUNDED BUT RUSSIA WON'T WIN THE WAR FOR US."

"OUR GRATITUDE TO THE UNITED STATES FOR ALL SHE IS DOING AND PROMISES TO DO IS UNBOUNDED BUT THE UNITED STATES WON'T WIN THE WAR FOR US."

"Our chief danger is a tendency to relax our efforts when our prospects improve, to think that somebody else will make an effort and sacrifice and win the war for us."

The following is the text of the Soviet midnight communique issued by the Soviet Information Bureau:—

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"On September 1, 39 enemy aircraft were brought down in air combats and destroyed on aerodromes. We lost 27 planes." — Reuter.

Sergeant Elliott, of the Royal Scots Regiment, was found shot dead in Barracks last night.

Investigations are in the hands of the police.

The funeral takes place to-day.

A magisterial inquiry into the Cape d'Aguilar Road accident, in which a Volunteer, L/Bdr. D. E. Smith, was fatally injured, will be held at the Central Magistracy within the next 10 days.

The routine military inquiry has been completed and it is understood that the evidence recorded during that inquiry will be made available at the forthcoming public inquiry.

The prefix "special" to telegrams is used by the "Sunday Herald" and "China Mail" to indicate news which is strictly copyright under the provisions of the Telecommunications Ordinance, 1938, and may not be reprinted, under any circumstances, either wholly or in part, without prior arrangement.

"Complacency is our greatest danger to-day. For victory we must rely on ourselves."

Sir Archibald said that Axis air losses for the two years of war totalled 8,020 against 3,029 lost by the R.A.F.

IN ADDITION THE AXIS HAD LOST 4,000 PLANES IN THE RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN.—REUTER.

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MISS MIMI LAU

THE NAME OF MISS MIMI LAU AGAIN FIGURED PROMINENTLY AT TO-DAY'S CONTINUED HEARINGS BY THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO MATTERS CONNECTED WITH A.R.P. CONTRACTS.

Mr. Cheng Chik-chi and Mr. B. C. Lam of the Chiap Hua Company were both questioned at length by the chairman, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, concerning parties given and contracts tendered for, and at one stage Mr. Lam declared that his company was not interested in A.R.P. business.

When this morning's session opened, Mr. U Yat-kwai, of the Sang Lee firm of contractors, told the Commission that he had brought the foreman who supervised the making of the concrete blocks in his firm, and this man, Lam Lai, then said that although he had not had any previous experience in this particular line of concrete-block work, he nevertheless was in charge of the work.

The Chairman: — Before Sang Lee got the concrete for making concrete blocks, what previous experience have you had? — I had had experience in making up cement-concrete for flooring but never made any concrete blocks.

Do you know what the specifications were? — It was supplied by the Government to my employers.

In English or Chinese? — In English.

Then who told you about the specifications? — My employer, Mr. U Kwai.

He knew the specifications then? — Yes.

Wooden Moulds

Describe the process of making these blocks. — First of all we make wooden moulds and place them on the floor. Then we mix the cement-concrete by machine and then, having done that we put this into the moulds and use an electrical machine to press it in. It was by the vibrating process? — Yes.

Then what happens? — The blocks would be put away for drying and next morning the moulds would be removed.

Anybody ever come to test the blocks? — No.

Nobody from the P.W.D.? — No.

IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT A P.W.D. OFFICIAL WOULD COME TO TAKE A BLOCK AWAY TO BE TESTED? — YES.

Who came? — There was a Government foreman, Tam Hon, on the premises and he gave instructions every Monday for a number of blocks to be taken away to an office in the P.W.D. where there were a number of architects.

Did you ever see any European on the premises to see the blocks made? — Yes.

Architect's Visits

You, know his name? — That man I called Mr. Hobbs. He would inspect the place and having satisfied himself would walk away. What did he do? — He would inspect the broken stone to see if they were clean and also that the cement-concrete was properly mixed.

Did you ever see any cracks in the blocks? — Yes, sometimes when the moulds were removed I saw some damage or cracked blocks and I would break these up with a hammer.

Were there many of these damaged or cracked? — There would be several tens a day.

Mr. Bellamy: When the concrete was being mixed was the Chinese foreman always present? — Yes.

They never mixed any concrete till the foreman arrived? — No, sometimes when he was late or absent we would go on with the job ourselves.

Self Taught

Chairman: Who taught you how to make concrete blocks? — Nobody, I knew the materials required and went on right away.

You taught yourself how to make concrete blocks? — Yes.

What is your salary? — \$55 a month.

Is there any other foreman in your firm? — No, I am the only foreman.

The next witness to give evidence was Wong Sun-yu, who described himself as the sub-contractor to Sang Lee in connection with the construction of the sea wall in North Point.

Chairman: You remember in the course of the work finding (Continued on Page 9)

Ex-Minister Arrested

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") DR. JOHAN HELO, FORMER FINNISH MINISTER OF INTERIOR, COMMUNICATIONS AND FINANCE, HAS BEEN ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF TREASON.

A member of the Radical parliamentary group, he is accused of working for immediate peace with Russia. — International News Service.

200 AMERICAN PILOTS FOR CHUNGKING

Some time ago nearly 200 United States pilots passed through Batavia en route to Chungking, where they will reinforce the Chinese air force, according to reports circulating in Batavia, says Reuter.

JAPAN PLAINLY WARNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Through diplomatic channels Japan has been informed that the United States is firmly determined to aid the Soviet by shipments through Vladivostok as long as peaceful relations are maintained between Japan and Russia.

A reliable source in Washington said yesterday Japan has been left in no doubt of the American attitude if an attempt is made to interfere with American shipments.

As long as Japan is not contemplating an attack on Russia the United States will aid in the fight against the Nazis, feeling that it is no concern of Japan's.

The declaration in Tokyo that Japan will fight to break encirclement meets with a non-sympathetic reception in official quarters in Washington. — International News Service.

Colony's War Games

Military manoeuvres which will last well into next week commence officially at dawn to-morrow.

During the day all defence positions in Kowloon, the New Territories and on the Island will be fully manned at the completion of which the exercises will start.

The operations will include "feeding" front line positions with

food and war supplies. Units of the Fleet will also participate. Small-scale landings will be attempted.

HUGE WAR CONTRACTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN HAVE MADE A TOTAL OF \$60,108,000,000 AVAILABLE FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE AND LEND AND LEASE SPENDING IN THE UNITED STATES, AN OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT STATED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

The sum of \$56,357,000,000 is being spent by the United States and \$3,749,000,000 by England. So far nine billions actually have been paid out on American orders and \$3,200,000,000 on British contracts.

Total contracts placed to date amount to \$23 billions for America and \$3,650,000,000 for Britain. — International News Service.

Sharp And Concentrated

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The giant R.A.F. raid on Berlin is hailed by the London newspapers as "a happy augury for the future."

Berlin admitted that the raid was "sharp and concentrated" compared to the recent Russian raids and numerous detonations were heard of the heaviest calibre bombs. — International News Service.



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NAZI STRATEGY IN RUSSIA

May Swing Back To Britain Before Winter

VICHY AIR CHIEF CHANGES VIEW

General Bergeret, Vichy aviation chief, who, it was reported two months ago, believed Germany would win the war, recently expressed the conviction in conversation that Germany is bound to lose owing to eventual fuel shortage, says Reuter from the French frontier.

GERMANS THROWN BACK

The Germans have been hurled back 30 miles as a result of Russian counter-attacks in a 10-day battle, according to a report by Battalion Commissar Visolostrosky in the Army organ "Red Star."

THIS REPORT STATED THAT 22 VILLAGES HAD BEEN RECAPTURED AND A GERMAN SALIENT "DRIVEN IN."

Scene of the battle was not disclosed but was possibly on the central front.

The population of the recaptured villages are now rebuilding bridges and hastily harvesting the rye which stood too long during the German occupation.

They can be seen busy in the fields while the front is only a very few miles away.

An occasional shell drops in retaken territory.

Russian troops are searching for Germans in the villages with the help of villagers.—Reuter.

Tremendous Exertions On The Entire Battlefront

(By "Annalist")

WITH THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER DRAWING NEAR THE GREAT CLASH OF ARMS ON THE EASTERN FRONT IS REACHING THE POINT WHERE DECISIONS OF VITAL CONSEQUENCE TO THE FUTURE COURSE OF THE WAR WILL BE REACHED.

Both sides are straining every nerve, taxing their immediate resources to the limit to turn these decisions to their own advantage, but the fiercer the exchanges in the air and on land, the fewer authentic details reach the outside world from the churned up spaces where the world's two greatest armies are at each other's throat.

Both the German and Soviet High Commands keep their own counsel in the briefest two-line communiques and in London authoritative quarters declare once again that official news is lacking and comment merely that there is no confirmation of an big change anywhere, either at the scene of the German offensive around Leningrad or in the central and southern sectors, where the Russians are reported to be persisting in their counter-attacks.

IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, WITH THE STEADY APPROACH OF WINTER TO VISUALISE THE MAIN AUTUMN PURPOSES OF THE GERMAN STRATEGY.

They are the capture of Leningrad, Kiev, Odessa and even Moscow, with the object of fixing the front for the winter, with Russian naval, military, industrial and political strength seriously weakened so that other campaigns can be pursued notably in the eastern Mediterranean and North Africa together, it is even possible, with a limited invasion of Britain designed to pin down and weaken the R.A.F.

Invasion Threat

The time table for a serious invasion of Britain this year has undoubtedly been upset.

IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT THE GERMANS PLAN TO SWITCH BACK TO NORTH-WEST EUROPE SUFFICIENT OF THEIR AIR FORCE TO MOUNT ANOTHER NIGHT BLITZ ON ENGLAND ACCOMPANIED BEFORE WINTER BY THE USE OF SOME AIRBORNE DIVISIONS IN LANDINGS TO DESTROY SELECTED R.A.F. AERODROMES AND OTHER VITAL OBJECTIVES.

That these divisions will be certainly committing suicide will be no deterrent to the German High Command should they consider the damage they are likely to inflict before they are rounded up, killed or captured, worth the risk.

Six Weeks

Factors against such a venture, however, are the effect such an indecisive "invasion" will have on the minds of the sorely-tried German population and the time required to mount it.

Since their bomber and transport force on the western front is down to bed-rock, it would take them at least six weeks, it is estimated, to prepare.

The answer to the threat of a fresh German initiative, wherever shown, is in the hands of Russia, Britain — and America. — Reuter.

Pressure Increasing

Although both the Russian and German communiques are extremely reticent regarding details of the fighting, unofficial reports all emphasise that the pressure of the German forces is increasing against Leningrad.

Claims are made by German war correspondents that their forces are within 15 miles of the second city in Russia but informed opinion in London says there is no confirmation of any large change in the line either in the Leningrad or Gornel and Kiev sector.

The fall of Tallinn, reported in the Russian midnight communique, is part of an independent operation and could have no immediate effect on the Leningrad offensive.

The territory round Leningrad is stated to be of a marshy character and unsuited to speedy advance by German mechanised units. — British Wireless.

Midnight Communique

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U.S. SHIP BUILDING SPEED-UP

The United States shipping programme is ahead of schedule, according to Rear-Admiral Emory Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission, at his press conference yesterday.

He predicted that new ships totalling about 12,410,000 tons deadweight would be placed in operation between the beginning of last July and the end of 1943.

These figures did not include 105 vessels in commission which had been delivered up to to-day or additional small vessels and craft for which the Commission was contracting. — Reuter.

NO BASIS FOR GERMAN CLAIM

Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow telegraphs there is no basis for the German claim to be within 15 miles of Leningrad.

BERLIN THREATS

A BERLIN CORRESPONDENT TO THE "NEUE ZÜRCHER ZEITUNG" REPORTS IT IS OFFICIALLY STATED: "THE LONGER NIGHTS WILL BRING MUCH GREATER BOMBING TO BRITAIN."

"Experience has proved that day attacks over well defended areas are in general too costly to carry on for long periods. The German Luftwaffe will therefore soon start on large scale night attacks although, in spite of all technical progress, accuracy in night bombing is not wholly possible.

"This is the reason that the success we expected through our heavy bombing of British industry and ports has not come up to expectations." — British Wireless.

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS ACCLAIMS SOVIET SPIRIT

"OUR ADMIRATION for the magnificent achievements of the Soviet forces by land, sea and air is unstinted," writes Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador in Moscow, in an article in yesterday's Soviet paper "Izvestia."

"We acclaim the determination of every man, woman and child to protect their homeland from the brutal invader and we are confident that the spirit of courage and determination will bring our two countries a final and successful issue in our struggles.

"Though great trials and sufferings still lie before our people, this third year of war opens in conditions full of hope and with the absolute certainty of eventual victory for the cause that we defend against the villainous aggression of Hitler and his minions.

"He was so blinded by his own lust for power that he could not recognise the gallant strength of the Red Army, Navy and Air Force; now, with the flower of his army stricken on Soviet land and thousands of his tanks and aeroplanes reduced to scrap, he must look with every growing fear at the mounting forces of the enemy whom he once despised.

The German Task

"In the West, too, night after night and day after day, an ever-increasing force of British planes rains down destruction on the industries of Germany.

"In the occupied territories he has encountered more and more difficulties as the peoples of those lands put up stubborn and courageous resistance to his domination.


"Arrayed against him now stand side by side two of the greatest nations in the world—Great Bri-

tain and the Soviet Union — backed by the gallant forces of their allies, by the hopes of tens of millions of Europeans and by the almost inexhaustible resources of the American continent." — Reuter.

BOYS UNDER TEN GAOLED

ACCORDING TO THE HUNGARIAN NEWSPAPER "PESTER LLOYD," THE CRIMINAL COURT IN BUDAPEST HAS SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT A NUMBER OF BOYS BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 16 ON A CHARGE OF DAMAGING THE STATE RAILWAYS TO THE DANGER OF THE PUBLIC.

Another report quoted in Zurich recounts that six Danes, including a woman aged 22, received sentences ranging from 30 days to two years for insulting German officers and soldiers in Denmark. — Reuter.



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The mission includes Major-Generals James H. Burns, executive officer of the Lease and Lend administration, George H. Brett, Chief of the Army Air Corps, Admiral W. H. Standley, Retired, former Chief of Naval Operations, and William Blatt, deputy director of the Production Division.

HEROIC PILOT GAINS THE D.F.C.

A Coastal Command pilot of the R.A.F. has just been awarded the D.F.C. for the courage with which he carried out an attack on a heavily escorted German shipping convoy after he had seen his leader shot down in flames and he himself had hit the sea and flown off again.

The aircraft was one of two Hudsons which were carrying out an offensive patrol against enemy shipping off the Dutch coast in full daylight and bad weather.

It came across a German convoy escorted by five destroyers — an unusually heavy escort even for German supply ships. The destroyers as well as the convoy opened fire directly they sighted the Hudsons.

Flying only a few feet above sea level, in order to make a mast height attack, the pilot said they struck the water and found that the tip of the port wing for about three feet six inches had been torn clean away by the impact with the waves but the Hudson flew well in spite of the damage.

He therefore turned the nose towards the convoy again, slipped out of the clouds, made a bombing attack and then brought the aircraft safely home. — British Wireless.

SABOTAGE IN CALIFORNIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The authorities in California are investigating what is believed to be sabotage in a \$1,000,000 waterfront fire which destroyed 22,000 tons of wheat for China. — International News Service.

NEW AIR SERVICE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Lisbon yesterday announced the start of a new express air service between the Portuguese capital and the United States with Vought-Sikorsky seaplanes. — International News Service.

GIRL CHARGED AS SPY

On charges of conspiracy to violate the Espionage Act three men and an 18-year-old girl were indicted in New York yesterday as part of the Government drive to break up an international spy ring.

Federal agents said the ring is operating in the United States, Spain, Portugal and Germany.

Defendants are charged with gathering and transmitting to their colleagues in Europe information about the movements and disposition of the American forces as well as pictures and sketches of strategic points on the eastern seaboard.

All four are in custody. Their names are: Kurt Frederick Ludwig, named as ringleader, American-born of German parents, Hans Pagel, German-born, entered the U.S.A. in 1931, Frederick Edward Schosser, 19, native of New York, and Miss Lucy Boehmler, born in Stuttgart, entered the U.S.A. in 1939. The indictment charged Ludwig with having taken photographs for Germany for which that country paid him.

Meanwhile the trial of 16 others, charged with espionage, opened in the Federal Court at Brooklyn yesterday. — Reuter.

SOVIET FLIGHT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Relaxing the secrecy hitherto maintained on the two Soviet seaplanes which arrived in the U.S. a few days ago, the 13th Naval District Headquarters announced yesterday that the aircraft hopped off from Kodiak naval air base and landed at Sitka naval base. — International News Service.

The White House announces that in addition about nine technicians are accompanying the mission.

No announcement was made regarding the date of the mission's departure.

Holding of this conference was agreed to between the President and Mr. Churchill at their recent meeting at sea, says the White House statement.

It stated that Major-General Burns, who is associated with Mr. Harry Hopkins, would be a sort of "general manager" to the mission.

Army Precedence

The President's Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, told reporters that the Army would take precedence at the conversations because the mission's work "will be 90 per cent. military and 10 per cent. naval." — Reuter.

Pressure Relaxed

To the question "Do you think the American Navy should be used to convoy ships carrying war materials to Britain?" 52 per cent. replied "Yes" and 39 per cent. "No" and nine per cent. expressed no opinion.

This is according to the latest Gallup survey the results of which were revealed in New York yesterday.

An identical poll in July showed 58 per cent. favouring convoys.

Gallup adds that the downward trend reflects interventionism's natural tendency to decline when the pressure against Britain relaxes. — Reuter.

ABOLITION OF DEATH SENTENCE

A Government Bill abolishing the death sentence for murder and substituting life imprisonment, and also abolishing flogging, has been read the first time in the New Zealand House of Representatives, says Reuter from Wellington.

BEAVERBROOK GOING TO MOSCOW

It is officially confirmed in London that Lord Beaverbrook is to lead the British delegation on the joint Anglo-American mission which is proceeding to Moscow to discuss material aid to Russia with the Soviet Government. — Reuter.

HAVOC AT COTRONE

The results of the heavy daylight raid by R.A.F. bombers on Cotrone, southern Italy, on September 1 show how all the British aircraft found their objectives, states the Air Ministry news service.

Our pilots saw huge sheets of multi-coloured flames rising from the chemical works which were hit several times by heavy bombs. Clouds of blue and black smoke were rising into the air when the raiders turned for home.

An enemy merchant vessel of between three and five thousand tons was hit by at least two bombs and left ablaze.

One pilot said: "My aircraft was one of the earliest on the scene and we could see clouds of dust caused by the impact of bombs from other aircraft. As we came back blue sulphurous flames were rising from shattered buildings."

"We made our attack from a low level and the rear-gunner saw all bombs crash into buildings." — British Wireless.

Nurses Win 17 G.M.'s

A warm tribute to the nursing profession — now so largely devoted to war service — was paid by the Minister of Health in a speech yesterday.

"Wherever Imperial troops have gone," said Mr. Ernest Brown, "and wherever German bombs have fallen, the nurses of the Empire have been there staffing hospitals and casualty stations and sharing the dangers. The nurses never let us down."

"Florence Nightingale lit the lamp in the Crimea 85 years ago. The girls of to-day have kept it burning brightly not only in France, Egypt and Greece but in Portsmouth, Liverpool, Hull — on all the battle-grounds of the home front."

"Nursing contingents are attached to Dominion and other Imperial forces in the Near East and Malaya. Others have been proud to welcome to this country."

"Thousands of British women have given up home life to come back to nursing service. They are serving in hospitals, first aid posts, rest centres, shelters and factories, often in the face of the greatest danger."

"I am proud to say that of 32 George Medals awarded to women 17 were to nurses."

In conclusion the Minister paid tribute to those nursing civilian cases. "These women," he said, "are giving service of equal value to their country. Let us not forget to do them honour." — British Wireless.

AMERICAN OFFICERS PASSING THROUGH

Over 100 American military and naval officers are expected to arrive in the Colony in the next few days from Manila, presumably on their way to the United States.

Owing to the military manoeuvres, the local military authorities will not be able to entertain the American officers during their short stay in Hong Kong.

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GEN. WAVELL'S ANNIVERSARY SUMMARY

"WE HAVE SUFFERED some rude buffets and undergone some heavy shocks, but we are still upright and stronger than ever," declared General Wavell, Commander-in-Chief, in a broadcast from Simla, on the second anniversary of the war.

"There's a long way to go and a hard time in front of us, but there are many signs that the enemy is growing weaker, and that from arrogant confidence he has passed into a restless anxiety which will turn to despair as he sees his ruin approach."

After reviewing events in the Middle East, Africa, the Balkans and Russia, he said that the "balance sheet I can put before you is, therefore, by no means an unsatisfactory one. The enemy is not yet defeated, but we have laid a firm foundation for his future defeat."

General Wavell disclosed that there were well over 100,000 Indian troops serving overseas with the total of Indian fighting forces approaching the million mark.

"In the Middle East, Indian soldiers have helped to secure our great base of naval, military, and air power in Egypt to clear our

lines of communication by the Red Sea and overland through Iraq, and forestall the Germans in Syria, Iraq and Iran, thus keeping our frontiers free of the menace of Nazi destruction and oppression."

Eastern Bastions

General Wavell concluded that "in the Far East also, Japan's southward move has been carefully watched and Indian soldiers in Malaya and Burma are ready to play their part in the defence of India's eastern bastions." — Reuter.

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VICEROY'S TRIBUTE TO INDIA'S GRAND WAR CONTRIBUTION

A TRIBUTE TO THE glorious troops in the many battlefields of the war was paid by the Viceroy in a broadcast, from Simla, to the people of India on the anniversary of the outbreak of the war.

The Viceroy said: "India is awake. She is mighty and formidable, and she shall, if you so determine, be mightier yet. The war, like the bursting of a great dam, has released waters of destruction on the world. The noise of these waters was far off when India set herself to meet the storm.

"In two years' time, the war has rolled much nearer our shores, and not from one direction only. But India stands firm, her young men have come forward for service on land, on sea and in the air. Her factories and shipyards are working night and day to produce munitions and ships, and the world will not forget how, after the darkest hour of the Allied cause, Indian soldiers went into battle on a December morning in the Western Desert as the spearhead of a great attack, and won at Sidi Barrani our first resounding victory.

"To-day, India is the focus point of nations and territories of the Eastern group. Indian armies have fought and found glory on many a field in Egypt, the Sudan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Syria and Persia. They dealt faithfully with the Italian Empire which lies in ruins.

New Links

They forged new links of comradeship in arms, and they have protected great neighbouring nations against imminent or actual threat of invasion.

"When the tremendous conflict passes into history, their deeds will be inscribed in golden letters on the banners of victory."

The Viceroy also paid tribute to factory workers and merchant seamen, and concluded by saying that the "Nazi and all his works must perish utterly from the earth." — Reuter.

INDIAN JOINS FIGHTER SQUADRON

A Hurricane squadron of the Fighter Command has recently added to its roll of pilots from overseas an Indian from the fighting Punjab.

The squadron has a great fighting record. Its leader has already destroyed 16 German bombers.

Pilots include recruits from Texas, Australians, Canadians, Czechoslovaks, Poles and an Anglo-Argentinian, besides English, Scots and Welsh.

Yet the Indian newcomer has shown that the Punjab can produce as good fighter pilots as any of the world. He was so keen to fly that after taking his arts degree at the University of Lahore, he spent 2,300 accumulating 100 hours of flying experience.

When war broke out he at once joined the Indian Air Force and when volunteers for overseas service were invited he jumped at the chance to come to England. Out of 24 pilots selected for England 16 were from the Punjab. — British Wireless.

GUERRILLAS UPSET GERMANS

AFTER GIVING SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF RECENT SOVIET PARTISAN SUCCESSES, ESPECIALLY IN THE NORTH-WEST DIRECTION, A SUPPLEMENTARY RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE CITES IN ORDER FOR A GERMAN ARMY GROUP IN THE NORTH WHICH ILLUSTRATES THE ALARM OF THE GERMANS AT THE INCREASING RUSSIAN GUERRILLA WARFARE.

The order states: "The intensification of guerilla activity has made it impossible for single soldiers or small detachments to pass the countryside far from communications. It is therefore

ordered that only main roads should be used for movements of smaller units or single soldiers. "Villages off the main road are only to be visited by single soldiers or small units if they have been declared safe by the German military authority." — British Wireless.

SIR TEJ SAPRU PAYS TRIBUTE TO BRITAIN

"WHAT MAKES ME confident about the success of England is the spirit of courage and sacrifice which is animating her people, young and old, men and women," said Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, the Indian Liberal leader, in a broadcast from Allahabad yesterday.

He stated the English people had a remarkable gift of adjusting themselves to changed circumstances. They had indomitable courage and an unfailing power of endurance which, more than economic and military resources, should enable them to win the war.

Therefore he urged "each one of us should within his sphere help the war effort without indulging in equivocations or hair splitting differences about the capacity in which we can help the war effort."

Reviewing the course of the war during the past two years he said that from many points of view the greatest achievement had been the ranging of the enormous moral and material resources of the New World on the side of the Democracies.

Robust Confidence

Therefore to-day "we face the dangers confronting us with robust confidence that however long the way and whatever trials may still be in store, the world will not have to groan under the heel of the dictatorships."

Concluding, he said India's soldiers had made history once again, and when India's part in the struggle came to be assessed, it would be found she had worthily discharged the great responsibilities which her unique strategic position and material resources imposed upon her. — Reuter.

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MARSHAL VOROSHILOV'S VISIT TO THE FRONT LINE

A VISIT OF Marshal Voroshilov to the front outside Leningrad some ten days ago was described in the newspaper "Red Star" yesterday.

The report, dated Leningrad, says Marshal Voroshilov arrived at an advanced position one evening not long before his order of the day calling upon the defenders of Leningrad to fight staunchly for their splendid city.

"During the night a plan of battle was worked out and at dawn artillery preparation began. When the time for attack arrived, a battalion under the command of Denisov crossed an embankment towards a forest.

"A storm of mine-thrower and machine-gun fire proved powerless before the spirited drive of our men, who reached the forest and disappeared from sight. "Soon the light for the village 'N' began.

"Retreating hastily, the enemy abandoned their ammunition and equipment.

Occupied Village

"The detachment of Senior Lieutenant Sokolov, a white-haired veteran, was ordered to reinforce the attacking battalion. His detachment reached the river bank and entrenched there for the night.

"Our troops then occupied the village, throwing the Germans back about three miles. "Thus day and night our men are heroically defending the approaches to Lenin's city."—Reuter.

QUISLING LIKES CABARET

Aziz Masri Pasha, Egyptian Army quisling, captured with two Egyptian flying officers in a house near the Nile, went to a cabaret every night without being recognised, Cairo reveals.

GERMANY REJECTS RESPONSIBILITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Germany yesterday rejected all responsibility for feeding the populations of German-occupied countries, calling on the United States and Britain to do so.—International News Service.

FOOCHOW EVACUATED

While stressing that the Japanese forces before evacuating the Foochow area took steps to leave Chinese assets absolutely undamaged and also to secure the future peace of the area, Colonel Iwasaki, chief of the press section of the Japanese expeditionary forces in China, in a statement to-day bluntly warned that the Japanese will not hesitate to reoccupy the Foochow area if Chungking undertakes to revive the supply routes to the hinterland via Foochow.

Col. Iwasaki added the withdrawal was carried out down the Min River in broad daylight under close military and naval cooperation and no resistance was offered by the Chungking forces. — Reuter.

The Chinese claim that the retirement was continuously harassed.

POLISH NAVAL PROMOTIONS

THIRTY-THREE POLISH MIDSHIPMEN RECEIVED PROMOTION YESTERDAY ON COMPLETION OF THEIR COURSE, BEGUN IN POLAND AND COMPLETED IN A BRITISH PORT IN THE POLISH DEPOT SHIP ORP GYDNIA.

Training was carried out independently and under extremely difficult conditions, owing to lack of text books in the Polish language and the inadequate number of suitable instructors.

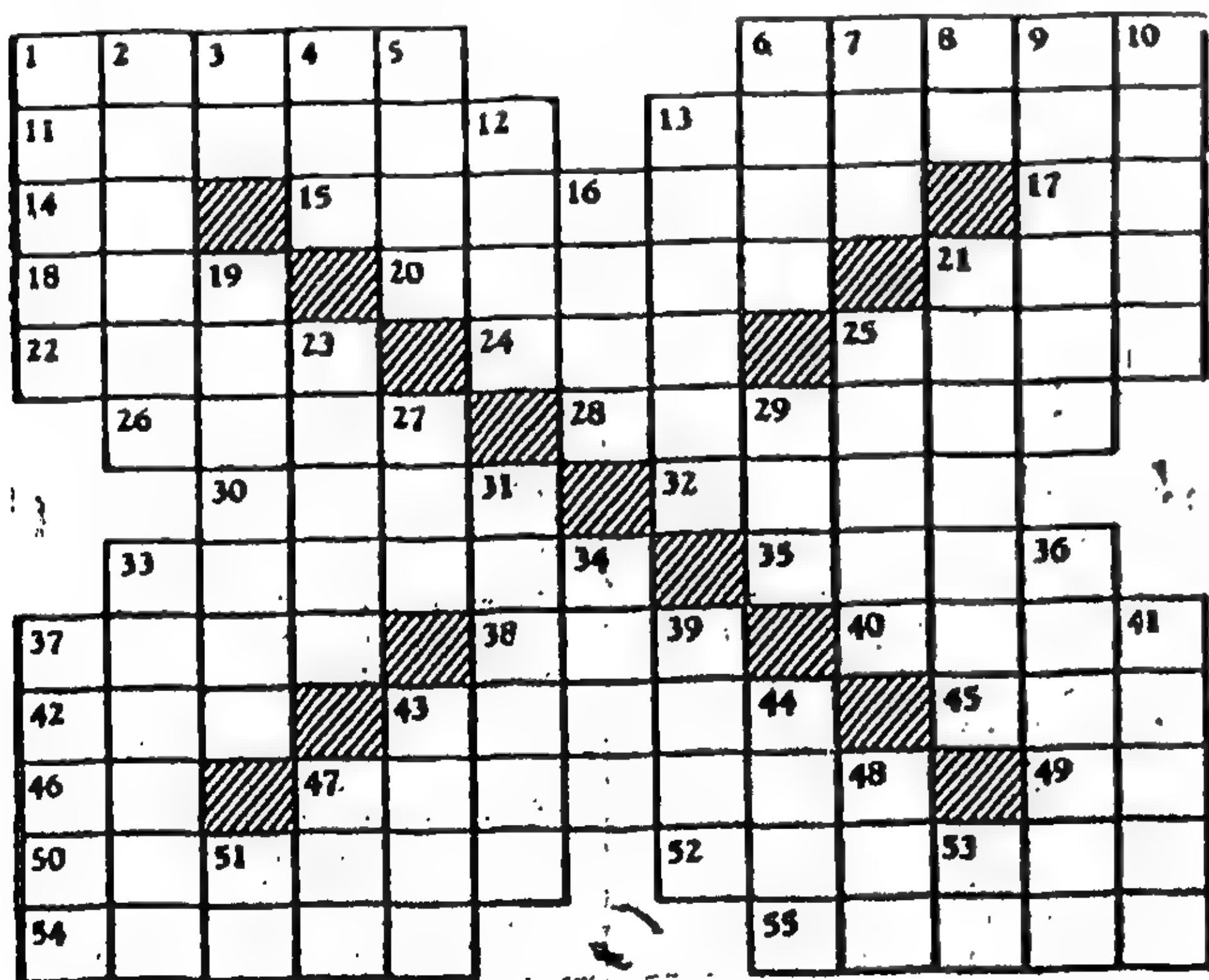
When the midshipmen, after successfully passing the examinations, were detailed for a practical course to British warships, the captains of these ships unanimously expressed approval of the midshipmen's knowledge and skill as well as of their character and fighting spirit.—British Wireless.

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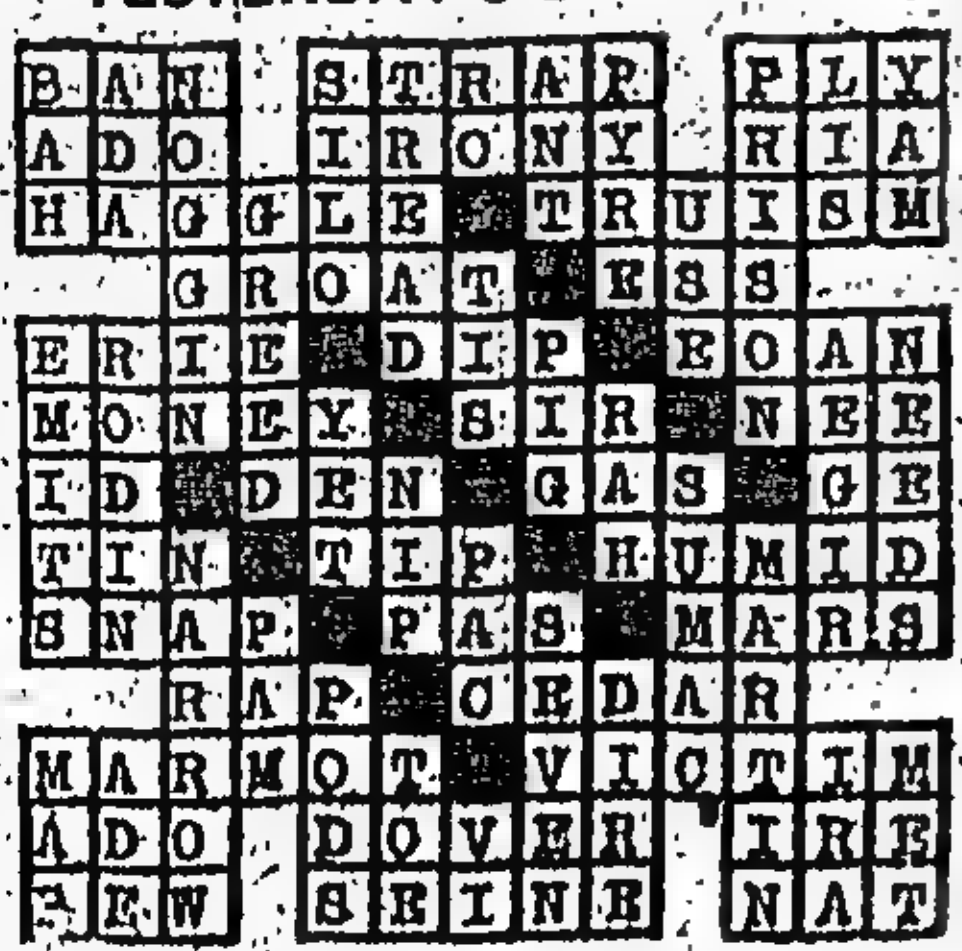
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Commencement
- 6 Burdens
- 11 Armed force
- 13 To enfeeble
- 14 Conjunction
- 15 Sheriff's deputy
- 17 Note of scale
- 18 Swiss canton
- 20 Colloquial: lively
- 21 Rice paste
- 22 To fatigue
- 24 Free
- 25 Catrix
- 26 To mend
- 28 Dishonest fellow
- 30 To fasten
- 32 Highway
- 33 Female relative
- 35 Entreaty
- 37 Wings
- 39 To hit lightly
- 40 Girl's name
- 42 Play on words
- 43 Pertaining to punishment
- 45 Distant

VERTICAL

- 1 To treat with derision
- 2 Extremely hot
- 3 Interjection
- 4 To steal from
- 5 To ensnare
- 6 Attic of a barn
- 7 Preposition
- 8 By
- 9 Pertaining to the skin
- 10 To scoff
- 12 Row
- 13 Hindu chief
- 16 Den
- 19 Persian
- 21 School
- 23 To rub out
- 25 Radio
- 27 Insect egg
- 29 To soak
- 31 Outcasts
- 33 Artificial passage for water
- 34 Hindu prince
- 36 Aggregation
- 37 To dismay
- 39 African chief's residence
- 41 Puts up a stake
- 43 Nuisance
- 44 Latvian
- 47 Cattle genus
- 49 Must: as written
- 51 Sun god
- 53 City in Chaldea

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Navy's Showing In Battle Of Seas

A TRUE MEASURE of the progress of the Battle of the Atlantic, or more expressively, the "Battle of the Seas," says "The Times" naval correspondent, is not a comparison of naval or mercantile losses but how far we have succeeded in maintaining British sea traffic and sweeping the enemy from the seas.

Judged by that standard the Royal Navy, ably seconded by the R.A.F. in areas accessible to it, has well held its own.

Precise figures in this sphere have not until recently been made public, on the ground that they would be useful to the enemy, but in the last few days a report from Ankara through the Columbia Broadcasting System put the average recent weekly imports into Great Britain at 850,000 tons and the average losses of ships in convoy at no more than one in 240.

AXIS AIRCRAFT LOSSES

The Axis loss of 8,020 planes (excluding approximately 4,000 destroyed by the Russians) is shown in an authoritative tabulated list of losses during the first two years of war.

The figures well illustrate the successive phases of the R.A.F. and German offensives.

Thus, during 1940, which included the Battle of Britain, the Axis lost over and round Britain 3,038 planes against 847 R.A.F.

During 1941 the figures for this are even more striking. The Axis lost 568 against the R.A.F. loss of only 39.

Figures for the western front campaign are 374 R.A.F.

The Scandinavian campaign in 1940—a British offensive—resulted in almost equal losses, the Axis losing 56 and the R.A.F. 55.

The growing weight of the R.A.F. offensive against German occupied territories in strikingly shown by comparative figures.

During 1939 in this theatre the Axis lost 20, the R.A.F. 26. In 1940 R.A.F. losses had risen to 349 against the Axis 45 but in spite of the sustained and increasing R.A.F. offensive the figures during 1941 show a huge proportionate swing in the British favour, the Axis having lost as many as 625 against the British 359.

The dominance of the R.A.F. in the Middle East is shown by the figures for 1940 and 1941.

During 1940 the Axis lost 421 against the R.A.F. 78 (including of course the Imperial air forces operating in conjunction.)

So far in 1941 the Axis have lost 1,666 against the R.A.F. only 305.

Most telling figures, however, are perhaps provided by the Royal Navy, which, since the outbreak of war, has shot down 563 Axis planes, suffering themselves not a single loss.

Final summary of figures shows R.A.F. losses since the outbreak of war 3,089 against the Axis losses of approximately 12,020—a heartening proportion of one to four—British Wireless.

CHARGES AGAINST TITLEBAUM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"). It is revealed in Shanghai that Sam Titlebaum was listed in police records at San Antonio, Texas, on charges of forgery on May 10, 1932.

It is not certain yet whether Titlebaum, who is charged with the theft of U.S. guns and ammunition, intends to maintain the plea of guilty entered when he was first arraigned but the trial is not due for several weeks yet.—International News Service.

THESE FIGURES ARE AN ILLUMINATING ANTIDOTE TO THE GERMAN PICTURE OF A STARVING BRITAIN AND AN OCEAN SWEEPED CLEAR OF SHIPPING.

Chief agent of destruction at sea has been the U-boat, used from the first regardless of the fate of passengers or other non-combatant seafarers.

Its initial advantage waned as the defensive measure of the convoy was brought into operation and in small craft equipped with the Asdic the U-boat met its match but the depletion of British escort craft caused by the defeat of France, together with the multiplication of the U-boats and the development by the enemy of a new technique of combined air and underwater attack, swung the balance in the other direction.

New Methods

Only of recent months has it been redressed as escort craft again multiplied with the maturing of the building programme begun at the outbreak of war and the development of new methods against the raider at sea.

In this, the second year of war, yet other forces preyed on British shipping but they too have been well held.

The "Lutzow" and "Admiral Scheer," sister ships of the "Graf Spee," were both torpedoed and severely damaged in attempts to regain the open sea. The heavy cruiser "Hipper" found her quarry too well defended last Christmas Day when she attacked a convoy in the Atlantic.

Brest Tie-Up

The battleships "Scharnhorst" and "Gneisenau" had the same experience three months later and were chased into Brest by naval forces, to be kept there ever since by the effects of R.A.F. bombing.

The fate of the "Bismarck," the world's most powerful battleship, when she attempted a similar raid in May, will be fresh in the minds of all; her consort, the cruiser "Prinz Eugen," could only profit by the British pre-occupation with the bigger ship to emulate the expedient of the other battleships and she too has taken cover at Brest.

In the Mediterranean the results have been hardly less decisive and the ascendancy over the Italian fleet asserted by Admirals Cunningham and Somerville has been unmistakable.

Crete Losses

The losses of Crete increased the British difficulties in the eastern basin but while British convoys have been taken through whenever the need has arisen, Italian communications both with Tripoli and with the Italian garrisons installed by German favour in the Aegean Islands have been increasingly harassed by British air and underwater attacks.—Reuter.

FRENCH TO CLOSE CONSULATE

The French consulate-general in Batavia will be closed very shortly, it is learned. The acting consul-general, M. Gassouin, will leave for another post in the Pacific area while the vice-consul, M. Detrie, is also leaving.—Reuter.

ROYAL SCOTS SERGEANT FOUND SHOT

Sergeant Elliott, of the Royal Scots Regiment, was found shot dead in Barracks last night.

Investigations are in the hands of the police.

The funeral takes place to-day.

FREIGHT TRAIN DERAILED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") THE VERNACULAR PRESS IN SHANGHAI REPORTS THAT A FREIGHT TRAIN BOUND FOR HANGCHOW FROM SHANGHAI WAS DERAILED YESTERDAY WHEN CHINESE GUERRILLAS REMOVED 100 FEET OF TRACKS SLEEPERS.

Eight coaches are said to have overturned but casualties are not reported. Passengers were compelled to walk some distance and the train schedule was disrupted.—International News Service.

REAL RESULTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The U.S. Navy yesterday reported "real results" from the shipbuilding programme. A total of 213 ships of all types have been completed or put into service since January and the keels laid of 436 of all classes ranging from tugs to battleships.—International News Service.

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COMPLACENCY AND THE FACTS

The tone of both British and American official comment as we enter upon the third year of the war is worthy of careful note. In his Labour Day speech, President Roosevelt did more than issue a stirring call to the people of the United States to put their shoulder to the wheel and to exert the united strength of the nation. He was also very urgent in stressing the utter folly of supposing that the violence of the campaign on the eastern front has lifted the menace from the west. Mr. Brendan Bracken, the new Minister of Information, was equally emphatic in his talk with journalists. Hitler, he said, was Britain's Enemy No. 1, Enemy No. 2, also as yet undefeated, was Complacency.

The fact is that in both the British Empire and the United States there is a very large section of the public which does not realise how heavy and bitter is likely to be the fight that still lies ahead. A great part of Britain is still too unaware of the perils of the Battle of the Atlantic and the narrow margin by which we retain the upper hand. In part arising from censorship designed to keep information from the enemy and in part from a censorship which tends to keep unpleasant facts in the background, this cuts both ways.

The "New Republic" (of New York) said the other week:

Too long have the Americans been hiding complacently behind the admittedly tough fibre of the British people. "They are wonderful," we say, "They will never give up." It is true that they are wonderful; but it is not true that they can hold out for ever if their position greatly worsens.

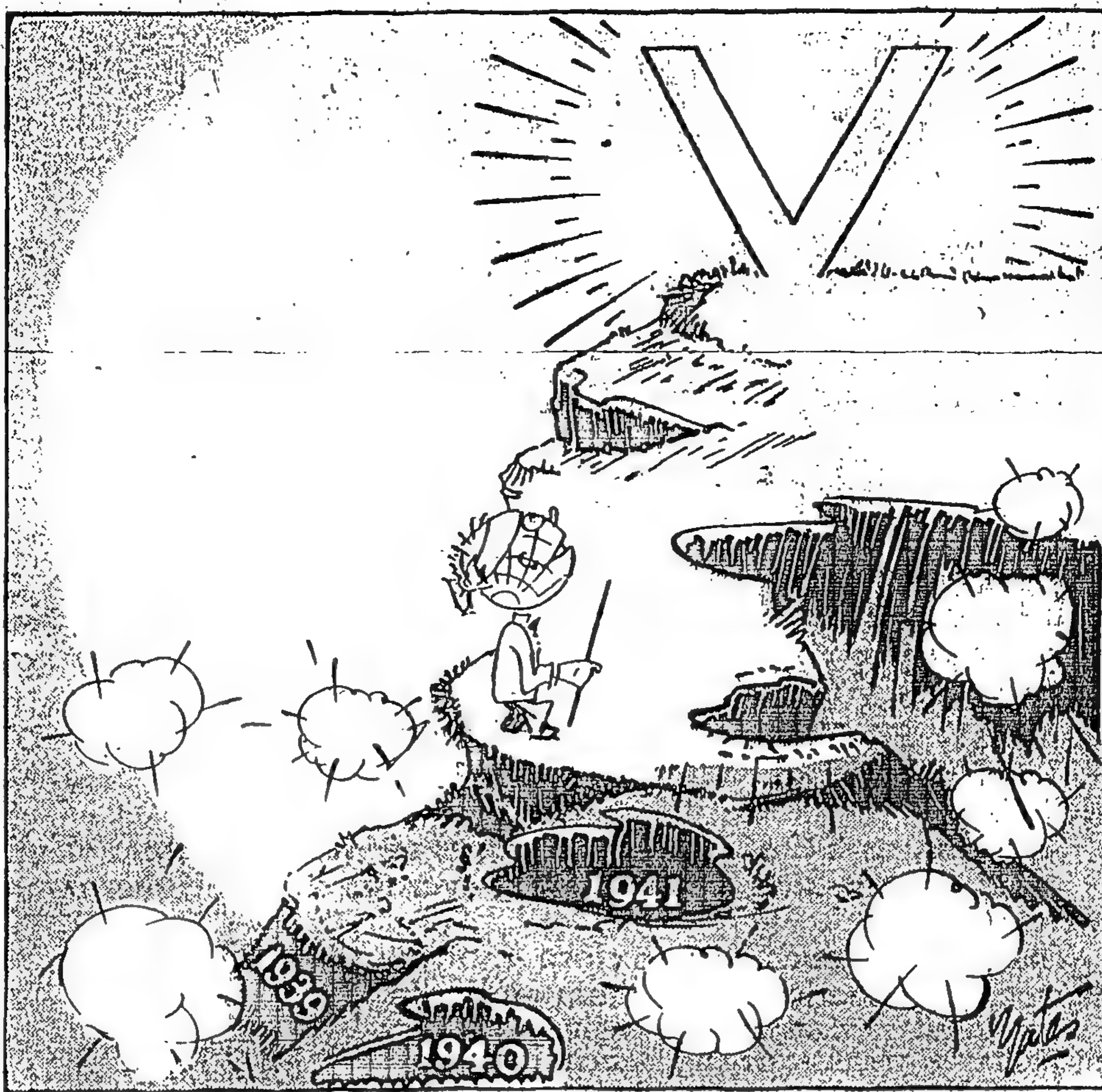
We also have been rather guilty of the same kind of complacency, and some speakers both in England and in the United States have encouraged it. There is no need to overstate, but we have to impress Americans as well as our own people of the truth of the fact that the war will be lost or won according to our own joint efforts. If this were properly understood, and properly explained in the United States there would be no room for members of Congress to argue that no more naval aid is needed because nearly all the munitions are coming through. This means no doubt a livelier sense of the importance of letting the public, British and American, know the facts than most Government for Westminster Abbey departments are blessed

with. It is time they learned.

TREASURE LOST

The Hunterian Collection, most of which has been lost by enemy action—another "honour" for the Luftwaffe,—is said to have cost John Hunter five times the sum of £15,000 for which the Government bought it for the nation in 1799. So it is not surprising to learn that while Hunter's income rose at one period to £6,000, he was kept poor by his lavish buying. Indeed, he had no fondness for actual practice, preferring the dissecting-room and the study, and would attend to the ordinary details of his consultations and so forth only because it afforded him means of purchasing curiosities. "Well, I must go and earn that damned guinea or I shall be sure to want it to-morrow."

It did not do to be squeamish about methods of getting what he wanted, and it was by bribing the undertaker that he got the skeleton of O'Brien, the Irish giant, in defiance of the order that the coffin was to be sunk in deep water. It is not surprising that he was well thought of by the "resurrection men," for he paid high prices for specimens, up to £500 for O'Brien. All of which, perhaps, gives an additional touch of gruesomeness to Buckland's search through more than 3,000 coffins for Hunter's remains in St. Martin-in-the-Fields, where he was buried because the fees than most Government for Westminster Abbey departments are blessed



THE UPPER GRADIENT

"Germans" In Captivity

FOR the first time for a long while an authentic and impartial account has reached the outer world of conditions in Prague, the Czech capital.

It gives an extraordinary picture—for it shows that the conquerors and captors are in course of becoming, spiritually, the conquered and captives.

The Hradschin, the great palace of the Kings of Bohemia on the hill which is the emblem and symbol of Czech patriotism, is in mournful plight; from its gigantic flagstaffs and windows, on great

By
Douglas Reed

occasions, flies the Swastika, and within it sits the aged and ailing puppet-president, Hacha.

The real headquarters of Prague to-day is the Deutsches Haus, the great Bierhalle down in the town.

The Deutsches Haus, and all the more expensive hotels, restaurants and cafes in Prague swarm with Germans, scores of thousands of whom have been brought to Prague to displace Czechs in the better-paid posts; on any of the innumerable Nazi festivals every Czech house has to fly the swastika, and the purchase of these flags, at 28 marks each, is compulsory; the streets eternally resound to the music of German military bands and the tramp of marching German soldiers, Storm Troops, Hitler Youths and Hitler girls.

"Prague is German!" That was always the Nazi cry and claim.

To-day Prague is German—in all external things, in flags, language, music, and festivals; Dr. Goebbels sees to that.

But its soul remains Czech, and the Czechs, reduced to the barest rations of food and clothing, in what until March 15, 1939, was the most abundant city in Europe, have withdrawn, shabby and hungry, into their homes.

And yet—so the story tells which has now reached the outer world—all this is a hollow sham and mockery.

Prague, like all Czechoslovakia, has become a concentration camp

for Czechs guarded by Germans; but in truth the Germans are living in a spiritual concentration camp there, fidgetting and fretting under the boycott of the Czechs.

For an ineradicable trait of the German is his longing to be loved, after he has conquered, by his victims; he yearns to be popular with the inferior people he has enslaved and cannot understand it when this affection is withheld from him.

But the Czechs, as all will know who read the story of the good soldier Schwejk and the disservices he rendered to his German masters (then in Austrian guise) in the last war, is a pastmaster in the art of passive resistance, and he is endlessly fertile in inventing new ways to confound and confuse his gaolers.

I remember, when the Germans invaded Prague, seeing a carload of overbearing SS. officers drive up to a Czech policeman and ask him the way to the Wenceslas Place; without blinking an eye, he politely waved them in the wrong direction.

The Germans later thwarted that trick by forcing Czechs to sit beside them on the driver's seat—but the Czech knows a thousand ways that cannot be punished, of making his captors feel ridiculous.

For instance, the Germans recently announced that a great military concert would be held in the Wenceslas Place at 2 o'clock; at 1.30 the streets cleared as if by magic, and at 2 o'clock the German band began to blare brassily and self-consciously in a deserted city.

Thus the German conquerors, lacking the excitement of military adventure, are growing bored and uneasy in an atmosphere of ostracism, scorn and hatred; they may take all the money and all the food, but they cannot have human society, friendly conversation or female friendship other than that which they find at the Deutsches Haus.

And at the back of each German mind is the lurking question: how will all this hatred expend itself upon the Germans if Germany should after all lose the war.

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MORE CANADIANS ARRIVE

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A message from Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, was read by General Price. It said: "You have come to Britain to help in breaking the bonds that now enslave so many countries in Europe."

"In this island you will be defending the citadel of freedom. No greater honour could fall to your lot." — Reuter.

NAZI REPRISALS

The charge d'affaires of Guatemala in Berlin has been informed that the German Government have found it necessary to withdraw the exequatur from the consuls of Guatemala in Germany, says Reuter.

Large-Scale War Anniversary Reminder To Huns

ENORMOUS EXPLOSIONS CAUSED BY THE HEAVIEST BOMBS AND A VERY LARGE FIRE NEAR ONE OF THE MAIN RAILWAY STATIONS, WERE OBSERVED BY THE CREWS OF BRITISH BOMBERS WHICH VISITED BERLIN ON TUESDAY NIGHT.

At times, says the Air Ministry news service, there were clouds all round the outskirts of the city but over the city itself there were clearer patches.

The ring of clouds was so close that the low moon cast shadows from them on Berlin.

By skilful navigation four-engined Stirlings and Halifaxes, weight-carrying Manchesters and a number of Hampdens were brought over the sea of cloud to the exposed capital.

The navigator of a Halifax said searchlights were trying to pick them up all the way. There seemed to be about 50 in one bunch.

Shells burst close to some of them, sending out clouds of smoke. One bit of shell hit the bomb doors.

Until the bomber was within a few miles of Berlin the crew thought they were going to be disappointed so thick were the clouds, but then they flew into a sudden clearing.

The Spree

"We saw the River Spree and so found our way right into the city. We dropped our bombs and saw them burst among industrial buildings and left fires burning."

The captain of a Stirling said that just after they crossed the Dutch frontier they began having trouble with the inner port engine. Oil poured out of it.

They carried on, however, until they got to Berlin where they saw other bombers being engaged by searchlights and guns.

They slipped in while the others were being engaged and got very little opposition except when coming out.

"Hell Of Explosion"

"We ran right across the city from south-west to north-east and dropped our bombs. Fire sprang up almost immediately and a very good fire too, in the centre of the city. The rear-gunner could see it for 15 minutes afterwards."

"SOMEBODY ELSE MUST HAVE BOMBED OUR FIRE BECAUSE WE SAW SEVERAL MORE EXPLOSIONS IN IT."

"Then after a time we saw a hell of a great explosion and another fire started."

When they turned for home the inner port engine was smoking badly and was in danger of catching fire, then the oil pressure went right down, so they cut the engine out and came home on three engines.—Reuter.

POLITICAL PROPAGANDA

FOLLOWING REPORTS THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS FORMED A POLITICAL PROPAGANDA DEPARTMENT FOR FOREIGN BROADCASTS, IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT THAT AN EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO UNIFY THE DIRECTION OF POLITICAL WARFARE.

Plans are not yet complete. In any case a certain part of the organisation must necessarily be secret and no announcement will therefore be made regarding personnel. — Reuter.

DEATH PARTS R.A.F. LOVERS

A month after becoming engaged to Miss S. M. P. Coggins, an assistant section officer in the W.A.A.F., Pilot Officer John Piplady Brown, a Spitfire pilot, has been killed.

BERLIN SHAKEN ALL NIGHT

The latest pounding from the R.A.F. was described in the American press in front page stories yesterday, with huge full-width streamers.

"Heaviest R.A.F. raid smashes at Berlin," says the "New York Journal and American."

"Berlin shaken all night by terrific R.A.F. raid," says the "New York World-Telegram."

Stories describe buildings and windows shaking and rattling all night, and some papers express the belief that Russian planes may have participated with the R.A.F. in the raid.

It is reported that the roar of the planes was audible even above the "terrific" gunfire.—Reuter.

DEFENCE STORY DISBELIEVED

Alleged to have offered \$1 as a bribe to an Indian constable, PCB693, yesterday, Tsang Fuk, 19, house boy employed by Mr. Ernest Moy, of No. 94, Waterloo Road, was fined \$10 by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

After the conviction, Mr. Moy told the Magistrate that he would appeal on behalf of his boy, who had pleaded not guilty.

The Indian constable stated that at 10.30 a.m. yesterday he went to No. 94, Waterloo Road intending to issue a summons against the owner of a dog, which was not muzzled. On entering, the constable alleged, accused offered him \$1 asking him not to issue the summons.

Mr. Moy testified that he had, a few minutes before the incident, given \$1 to accused to purchase something.

Accused stated that when he left the house with the \$1 in his hand, he was seized by the constable, who was talking to another boy, and accused of offering the bribe.

After evidence by both parties, Major Macfadyen convicted.

SERBIAN PUPPET SET UP

Finding themselves completely impotent in the face of resolute guerilla warfare in all parts of Serbia, the German authorities have now hit upon the expedient of forming a puppet government under General Neditch, thus trying to enlist popular support.

The German authorities also announced the intention of organising a Serbian army and introducing compulsory labour, hoping in this way to prevent able-bodied inhabitants from forming increasing guerilla bands.

Simultaneously they are pursuing terrorist measures and the latest atrocities, according to information reaching authoritative Yugoslav circles in Jerusalem, include the shooting of seven intellectuals from Aleksinatz, including a woman teacher and a judge charged of having Communist sympathies, and ordering the execution of another seven from various towns for "subversive activities."

Effect of these measures has only been to exacerbate public feeling still further and cause irreconcilable hostility to the alleged new "government."—Reuter.

LENINGRAD STANDS SOLIDLY

Leningrad's defences have been so thoroughly organised by Marshal Voroshilov that the troops will immobilise large German forces for many months.

There is no basis for German boasts that their troops have reached a point 15 miles outside the city.

Despite the Finnish claim to have captured Viipuri (Viborg) the Finnish-German advance on Leningrad from the north is very slow.

The situation in Leningrad is considered among the most satisfactory of the Russian front. As regards armaments, Leningrad is largely a self-contained unit and adequate, providing the important forces centred in and around the town with essential equipment.

Bogging Up

At the same time the German forces are suffering unquestionably from the precariousness of communications and supplies, which are getting more difficult with the September weather, which is likely before long to bog up the roads except the rare main roads.

Tallinn's loss, admitted by the Russians, became inevitable but German claims in regard to Russian naval losses in this connection are described in Moscow as utterly fantastic and there is the strongest reason to believe that the bulk of the Russian Baltic Fleet is still intact. — Reuter.

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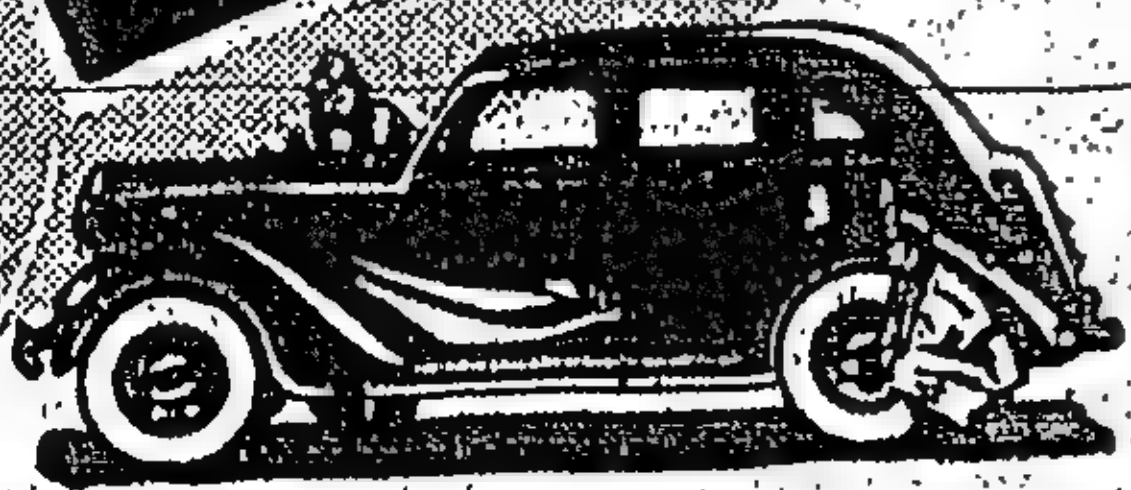
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A.R.P. INQUIRY HEARING

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some stones dumped on the site?—Stone and earth.
Do you know where that stone came from?—No.

Never Heard

Never heard that they came from A.R.P. tunnels, did you?—I never heard the stone came from A.R.P. tunnels but several lorry loads were dumped there daily.

Do you know where the lorries came from?—They were from a number of companies.

Did you use these stones and earth for the sea wall?—I myself never did, but my workmen removed some of the stone and broke them up.

So the stones were used by you in making the sea wall?—Yes, I picked up the stones from an area of about 12 sq. ft.

Did you pay for this stone?—No.

Benefactor

Did you make enquiries who it belonged to? No, since the stone was dumped there I just helped myself.

You helped yourself, quite right. Now, if the stones had not been dumped there you would have had to buy them, wouldn't you? Not all, but part of them.

So this benefactor of yours saved you some money?—Not all, but part.

For all you know the stones might have been stolen. — It was a mistake on the part of my workmen.

Did you tell that to Mr. U?—No, I did not know of it until sometime after.

When you did know about it, did you tell Mr. U?—Yes.

What did he say?—He told me not to do it again.

What is the value of your contract with Mr. U?—The terms depend on the amount of work done.

How much have you received to date?—I have not received anything yet.

How much do you expect?—About one or two thousand dollars.

What happened to the earth that was there?—We left this untouched. We only removed the stones from the surface.

Mr. Cheng Recalled

This concluded evidence by this witness and at this stage Mr. Cheng Chik-chi of Chiap Hui Manufacturing Company, was recalled.

Chairman: Have you made a further search in your office?—Yes.

Have you found any more books?—I found a cheque book of the Manufacturers' Bank of China.

That is the only thing you have found?—Yes.

You haven't yet found the receipts for all your entertainments?—I have not yet found any because I believe these are mixed up with other bills and documents.

List Of Guests

Have you found any lists of guests at your parties?—No.

Why not?—I am afraid that while we were moving our office from the 1st floor to the 2nd floor, these lists may have been treated as waste paper.

You haven't been able to find any lists at all?—No, but if I should happen to find them, I shall produce them to you.

Have you ever been to a party with Mr. B. C. Lam?—Yes.

When was the last time?—About a month ago.

Do you remember the guests present then?—No.

Not even one?—I don't mean that, sir. Witness then asked permission to draw up a list and later read out the names as follows:—

Wong Wing-tai, headmaster of Nam Wah Academy; Li Siu-ching, clerk in the Wing Kee firm.

Wing Kee Firm

Chairman: Who is the Wing Kee firm?—A place where overseas Chinese carry on their affairs.

A political organisation?—Yes. Who's the next?—Lau Sai-tat, a clansman of mine, who lives in Fung Tai Terrace. Then there were B. C. Lam, Li Chi-hi, a clerk in my office, and myself.

What was the purpose of the party?—It was just a social gathering in my house.

Remember how much it cost you?—Yes, including wine it cost between \$30-\$40.

And the firm paid for it?—No, I did.

BELGIAN MINISTER'S SON KILLED

An R.A.F. pilot, Jean Max Gutt, son of M. C. Gutt, Belgian Minister of Defence, has been killed in action during a night flight. He was to have received his wings this week. The father attended his son's funeral and pinned the Croix de Guerre on the tunic of the dead airman.—British Wire-
less.

Restaurant Party

Perhaps you can tell us then which was the last time you attended a party with Mr. Lam for which the office paid?—I remember the last occasion was when the office invited members of the staff of the Central Trust Company. It so happened that I had a toothache and could not attend.

You can't remember which you attended with Mr. Lam at which Comdr. Steele-Perkins was present?—Yes, one at the Kam Loong Restaurant about 3 or 4 months ago.

Who else was there?—Some Europeans, one from Jardine's, but I do not know their names.

You remember Mr. Newbigging?—Oh yes, but I do not know the name of the other Europeans present.

Who asked them?—Mr. Lam. Who asked Comdr. Steele-Perkins, Mr. Lam?—The invitation cards were provided by the restaurant and we filled in the names of the guests with Mr. Lam's name and mine as hosts.

Who asked Comdr. Steele-Perkins, you or Mr. Lam?—I think Mr. Lam did because he speaks English.

Knew He Was Coming

You knew he was coming, didn't you?—Yes.

Is that the only party you ever went to at which you met Comdr. Steele-Perkins?—Yes.

You are quite sure about it?—Yes.

He has never been to your house?—I invited him to my house, about 2 or 3 months ago, on the occasion of my birthday and he came.

When was your birthday?—On April 16, 1941.

How did you come to invite him?—Because we were doing some business and he was connected in the business so we invited him as a friend.

What was the business?—In connection with steel helmets.

Had you already got the contract when you invited him?—Yes.

"Alias" For Miss Lau

Can you remember the other guests?—Yes, Dr. Heung Siu-Kit, from Canton, and his wife, Mr. B. C. Lam and Lau Kam-ting.

Witness went on to explain that Lau Kam-ting was the alias for Miss Mimi Lau.

Were there any other Europeans, there were some you know. Try and remember.

Miss Mimi Lau, Dr. and Mrs. Heung, Mr. B. C. Lam and Miss Heung, daughter of Dr. Heung.

Are you sure they were all the guests?—All that I can remember.

According to you, Commander Steele-Perkins was the only European present.—That is so. I invited him in the capacity of a friend.

Tell me, since that last birthday party, have you had any contracts from A.R.P.?—Not with

A.R.P. but with Government Stores.

I am not talking about Government Stores.

The Chairman repeated his question to which witness replied that he had received no contracts.

Miss Mimi Lau

Chairman:—The records are here. We know the birthday party was in April, did you have any contracts after the date of the party?—Not so as far as I can remember.

Why did you ask Miss Mimi Lau to the party?—Miss Mimi Lau was an employee of the company and since I invited Commander Steele-Perkins, I invited her.

Were there no other employees you could have invited?—The other employee was Mr. B. C. Lam.

Did you have no other employee you could have asked instead of Miss Mimi Lau?—It so happened that I invited her as well.

"Not Because Of That"

No particular reason? It was not because Commander Steele-Perkins was coming?—Not because of that, I simply extended an invitation to Miss Mimi Lau.

You knew she was a friend of Commander Steele-Perkins?—I knew that.

Then?—Yes. Have you not seen them together?—Never.

Am I correct in saying that you, Mr. Lam and Miss Mimi Lau are all friends of Commander Steele-Perkins?—Yes.

The Chairman then told witness that his books would be audited by a firm of Chartered Accountants and until then his presence would not be required.

Mr. Lam Recalled

Mr. Lam Bat-chung was recalled and said that he would like to make a correction about yesterday's hearing. When he said he did not know Captain Chauvin, he said so because he could not hear the name properly. The next thing he wanted to say was, though he was not a partner in the firm he had helped them financially when they were in financial need. He had been doing his utmost for them and therefore they had been prosperous.

Witness continued that since he was so loyal to the company Mr. Cheng trusted him and in dealings with other firms he had full responsibility. He was responsible for the business part of the company and for dealing with other firms. He signed all contracts and important correspondence.

Chairman:—How did you help them financially?—With several ten of thousands of dollars.

\$50,000?—No about \$30,000. Is the money still in the company?—It has been repaid.

When was it repaid?—The same year I lent it, the year before last.

Do Not Remember

Chairman:—You said yesterday that as far as you could recollect you have never been to a party where your boss was. (Witness was about to say something when the Chairman asked witness if he remembered saying so.)

Chairman:—Also that you had never been to a party where Miss Mimi Lau was?—I say that I do not remember any occasion when Miss Mimi Lau was present.

Do you remember attending a birthday party at the house of Mr. Cheng in April?—I am not quite clear about the time. I was ill at Yeung Wo Nursing Home with stomach trouble. I am still on diet.

That was four months ago. Let us help you. Do you know where Mr. Cheng lives?—At 25 Kennedy Road.

Do you remember going there to a party?—As a matter of fact, Mr. Cheng had parties several times a week. Sometimes I attended them and sometimes I do not.

Do you remember attending a party at Mr. Cheng's house when Commander Steele-Perkins and Miss Lau were present?—I remember on one occasion.

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Further successes are reported from the Leningrad front, where Marshal Voroshilov personally is directing the counter-attacks.

The London "Daily Express" published a message from its Stockholm correspondent to the effect that Marshal Voroshilov's armies are engaged in a fierce battle in the marshlands around Leningrad against "the most powerful German drive yet."

In Helsinki the Finnish military authorities claim that all northern Finland has been "liberated" and the Russians everywhere driven back across the old frontier.

Berlin claims the Finnish German forces are "rapidly closing in on Leningrad and have shut off all avenues of escape to the north-east."

The Nazi spokesman admitted the Germans do not plan a final attack on Leningrad "but will subject the city to a starvation siege."—International News Service.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4318.	Tong Mi Road, between Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 4222 & 4227, Mong Kok.	As per sale plan	About 18,100	\$322	\$31,675

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$3,167.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

PUBLIC AUCTION

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2879.	Adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1472, Castle Peak Road.	As per sale plan	About 3,950	\$768	\$71,950

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BRIDGE NO. 9

RECOVERING FROM A BLUFF

By The Four Aces

"It doesn't always pay," Philo-sophises A.M.S., of New York City, "to be too smart. I was so intent on talking the opponents out of a game in spades (which they didn't have, as I soon discovered) that I missed a slam. Here's the hand:

North, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

NORTH

♠ Q 3
 ♥ A 8 6 5 2
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ Q 6 5 3

WEST

♠ A 9 8 4
 ♥ K Q J 7
 ♦ Q J 10 8
 ♣ 10

EAST

♠ J 10 7 6 2
 ♥ 10 9 4
 ♦ 9 4 3
 ♣ J 7

SOUTH

♠ K 6
 ♥ 2
 ♦ A K 7 6
 ♣ A K 9 8 4 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♣	Dbt
1♠	Dbt	3♣	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

"I'm not trying to defend my spade bid (I sat North), but I should explain that I paid more respect to the vulnerable double than to my partner's third-hand bid. Of course, when my partner jumped to three diamonds I realised that our side had the strength. Was there anything I could have done from then on to reach the slam?"

Yes; there were things North might have done. After South had jumped to three diamonds, North should have realised that South had at least ten cards in the minor suit and was most unlikely to have good support for hearts. So North might have jumped to five clubs right over three diamonds. Then, at least, South would have known his partner had a real club fit with fair high-card strength; and with that knowledge, South might have bid the slam.

Better yet, North could have bid the slam all by himself. How bad a hand could South have for his opening club bid and jump rebid in diamonds? Even his actual hand was little enough (it may even have been a slight "stretch") but was sufficient for a slam. So North could have bid as he did up to his final bid; at that point he should have jumped to six clubs rather than only five.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K 10 9 7 6
 ♥ A 9 4
 ♦ K 10 4 2
 ♣ —

The bidding:

Jacoby	Yep	Maier	Schenken
1♣	Dbt	1♥	Dbt
Pass	Pass	2♣	2♥
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid two spades. There is no need to raise hearts at once since you have indicated at least neutral support for the suit by passing the double of one heart. Also, there is no need to jump-bid since your double has shown a strong hand and your partner's bidding indicates fair strength. Both of you should be quite confident of getting to at least game contract.

Score, 100% for two spades, 50% for three hearts, 40% for three spades.

Question No. 812

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 2 7
 ♥ 3
 ♦ A J 10 4
 ♣ Q 5 3 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	Yep	Schenken	Maier
1♥	(?)		
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)			

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THE STORY OF A CAMEL

The following little story has reached India from a correspondent in the Sudan:—

An army truck, driven by an Indian soldier, was travelling across a bridge in Port Sudan. There was a slight traffic jam, and the driver did not brake quite quickly enough to avoid a camel.

Unfortunately, the animal's leg was broken and it had to be shot. This was a very serious loss to the owner, "fuzzy-wuzzy," who was persuaded by the police to bring a charge.

When the case came up in court, the driver was put in the dock and the "fuzzy-wuzzy" was asked to identify him. He had one look at the Indian, and turned to the magistrate indignantly and said:

"If this is the man who killed my camel, I wish to withdraw the charge. In the first place this man is a foreigner here, and therefore a guest in my country. In the second place, he has come here to defend me against my enemy."

The court was full of merchants that morning, and so impressed were they by the spirit of the camel-owner's reply that they made a collection on the spot and gave him enough money to buy another camel.

So honour was satisfied, the spirit of hospitality un tarnished, and the camel replaced.

SOLDIER'S BOTTLE LETTER

A letter written by a soldier who was in a Dubbo (Australian) camp has been received in a novel manner by a young Dubbo woman.

While crossing the Indian Ocean in a convoy, the soldier wrote a letter to a Dubbo friend and placed it in a bottle with two-pence and a note asking the finder to purchase a stamp and post the letter.

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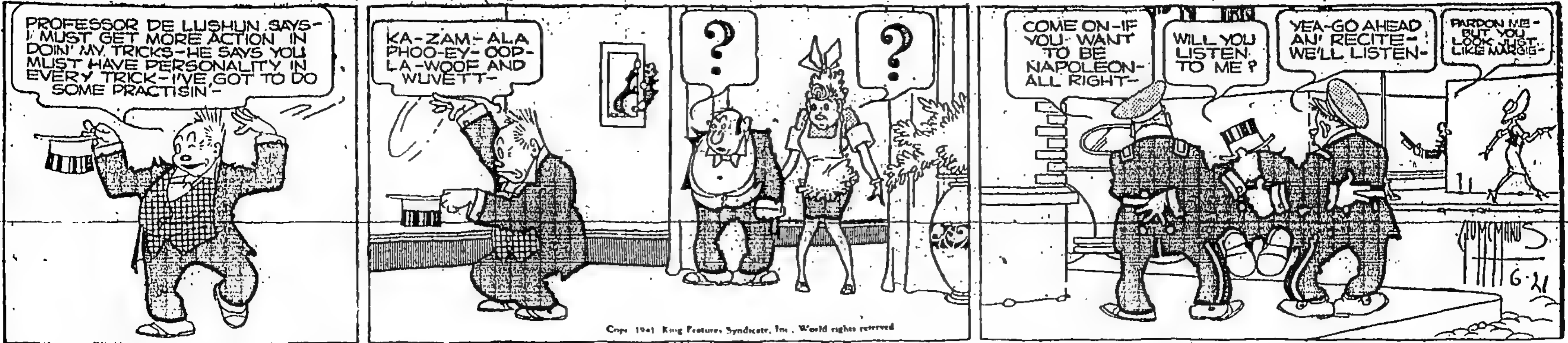
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN KnowledgeOfEtiquette

If I were a young girl, and a bit shy as many young girls are, I would buy myself a reliable book on etiquette and study it as diligently as I had to study history in school! For a knowledge of how to behave in the company of others is most conducive to poise. When a girl knows what to say when introduced, how to eat properly, how to accept an invitation to dances and carry on a conversation, she loses much of her timidity.

I ran across a delightful book for young ladies called, "Etiquette, Jr.," written by Mary E. Clark and Margery C. Quigley. In simple steps and simple language these two women tell how to become an attractive lady with the most charming manners.

For instance, about the introduction problem. Many, many girls write me that they are shy when introduced because they do not know what to say. One girl wrote me recently: "I keep myself looking very attractive. I groom as you tell me to groom and many friends have called me 'pretty.' But I am not popular because I am shy when I meet boys and shy when I am introduced to strangers. Dear Miss Lindsay, I want friends. What can I do to acquire poise and conquer this shyness?"

Well here is an answer to at least one of that girl's problems, culled from the little book I mentioned.

How Do You Do?

When a boy and girl are introduced to each other, the boy is presented to the girl thus: "Miss Perkins, may I present Mr. Brown?"

A boy is taken over to a girl, to be introduced; the girl is never brought to the boy.

They both reply, "How do you do?"

It is not necessary to say the word "present." You may simply say, "Miss Perkins, Mr. Brown," with the emphasis on "Miss Perkins." The girl's name is always spoken first.

Never say: "Meet my friend!" "Meet Miss So-and-so!" "Shake hands with" "Make you acquainted with"

The girl offers her hand if she desires, but unless the person introduced to her is much older than she or very distinguished, she merely bows and smiles and says, "How do you do?"

The boy does not offer his hand unless the girl has first extended hers. The choice between shaking hands and not shaking hands rests with the girl. However, no girl must ever refuse to take an extended hand, as that is rank discourtesy.

Knowledge Banishes Shyness

An introduction is simple, is it not? Yes, and all the other little courtesies of good taste are just as simple once you learn them. Rather than hide your beauty at home and feel sorry about being lonely, I advise every timid young girl (or older girl) to learn by heart these little courtesies—and then to go out and practice them at every opportunity. In no time at all the poise and companionship for which you longed will be yours!



Charming Anne Baxter, with her ready smile, has won the hearts of many. Anne says: "Once a girl knows the little rules of etiquette she feels much more sure of herself!"

Stop And Think

Get new ideas, even if you do seem to be contradicting yourself sometimes.

Never mind what you said yesterday if you are differently convinced to-day. It simply shows you have grown wiser.

That doesn't mean you have to be a wobbler. Make up your mind to do a thing and do it.

But don't be afraid to throw aside your pet opinions if something happens to give you a new viewpoint.

By changing your mind, you can change your health. Negative

thoughts such as worry, depression, doubt, jealousy, spite, generate a poison in the system and do you physical harm.

The determination to think hopefully, to love deeply, to master petty jealousy, makes your blood run more swiftly, drives away sluggishness, makes you feel buoyant and strong.

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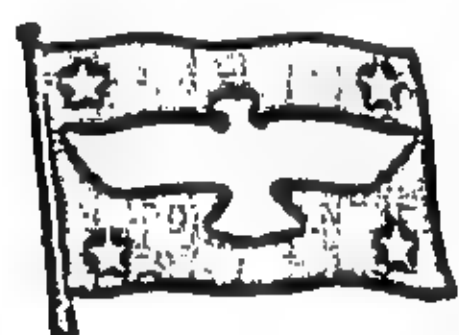
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FUNERAL OF MR. J. F. FISHER

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. JOSEPH FREDERICK FISHER, 52, WHO DIED IN ST. FRANCIS' HOSPITAL, YESTERDAY MORNING TOOK PLACE IN THE AFTERNOON, AT 5.30, AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY.

Deceased, an old resident of the Colony, is survived by his widow, father, sons and daughters who were all present at the funeral.

Among others present were Messrs. C. A. Yelle, F. P. Lenfesty, A. Loureiro, H. Hyndman, F. X. D'Almada e Castro, G. A. Morant, E. L. Barros, G. A. Rocha, H. Barros, F. A. Baptista, R. J. Santos, S. A. Marcel, J. M. Rodrigues, Miss B. Rodrigues, L. Kum, J. Neves, P. Xavier, Mrs. J. P. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Soondagam, Mrs. M. Lenz, W. Gomez, F. Gomez, Mrs. Banerjee, Miss F. Raj, Mr. and Mrs. R. Morley, J. Morales, Miss M. Farid, Mrs. J. Carmo, A. Carmo, F. Carmo, H. Carmo, Mrs. R. Rodrigues, Mrs. B. Castilho, W. Wong, J. A. Anderson, D. F. Lopes, F. Roza-Pereira, J. Lima, R. Remedios, J. Remedios,

PRODUCTION DRIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

VICE-PRESIDENT HENRY A. WALLACE, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW SUPER-DEFENCE BOARD, URGED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT EVERY MAN AND MACHINE BE MOBILISED FOR THE TASK OF PRODUCING DEFENCE AND ESSENTIAL GOODS.

The Board has been charged by President Roosevelt to give priority for materials for U.S. Army and Navy needs, and then for aid to Britain and China and others fighting aggression and finally for domestic civilian purposes.—International News Service.

Miss R. Hartman, A. Hartman, J. Toledo, Miss S. Mak, F. Morales, Lee Wing-hing, Miss Foo-ching, Mrs. Sek Yee-koo, Mrs. Chan Tai-koo, F. Holmes, Miss E. Xavier, J. M. Concelao, V. Costa, F. Rev, R. Rev, and J. M. Jesus, whilst many beautiful floral tributes were also received from the late Mr. Fisher's many friends.

RADIO

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—A Dvorak Programme.
Quintet in A Major, Op. 81—1st Mov: Allegro, ma non tanto; 2nd Mov: Dumka; 3rd Mov: Scherzo (Furiant); 4th Mov: Finale—Allegro.
...Artur Schnabel and The Pro Arte Quartet.
Songa My Mother Taught Me...Dino Borgioli (Tenor) with Ivor Newton (Piano, Violin).
Indian Lament...Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano accomp.
7.30 p.m.—The Philharmonic Orchestra.
"The Barber Of Seville"—Overture (Rossini); Waltz and Finale from "Serenade", Op. 48 (Tchalkowsky); Salome's Dance (from "Salome"—Richard Strauss); Hungarian Dance No. 1 and 3 (Brahms).
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Tito Schipa (Tenor) in A Spanish Programme.
Spanish Dance (Granados-Kreisler) Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accomp.
Angela Mia (My Angel—Schipa); Betrayed Woman—Neapolitan Melody (Cortillo-Schipa)...Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Narrative Of The Toreador (Turina)...Gordon String Quartet.
Farewell, My Granada (Calleja-Barra)...Tito Schipa with Orch.
Goyegsas—Intermezzo (Granados)...Pablo Casals (Cello) with Piano accomp.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Studio—"To-night We Present". A Review of New Records.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.46 p.m.—The Lecuona Cuban Boys.
Blue Rumba—Rumba Bleue (Creche & Vasquez); Rumba Fox-Trot—Cubanakan (Moises Simons); Conga—La Havana A Paris (Creche); Rumba—Cachita (Hernandez).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—Dance Music and Variety.
Fox-Trots—Love For Sale; Speak Your Heart...Hal Kemp & his Orchestra.
Piano—If I Should Fall In Love Again (Poppewell); Vagabond Dreams (Lawrence & Carmichael)...Turner Layton.
Slow Fox-Trot—There'll Never Be Another You; Quick-Step—The Lady Is A Tramp (from "Babes In Arms")...Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.
Comedy Sketch—Sandy's Happy Home (Powell & Thomson)...Sandy Powell and Company.
Waltz—Alice Blue Gown; Fox-Trot—Irene (both from film "Irene"—McCarthy)...Wayne King and his Orchestra.
Vocal—Soon (from film "Strike Up The Band"—Gershwin); They Can't Take That Away From Me (from film "Shall We Dance"—Gershwin)...Connie Boswell with Orchestra.
Rumba Fox-Trot—The Gaucho Serenade; Fox-Trot—Rosita (Her Name Was "Rosita")...Ambrose and his Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"War Correspondents"—Alan Bell.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

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EFFECTS OF THE ECONOMIC WAR ON HITLER

REVIEWING THE EFFECTS OF THE ECONOMIC WAR ON GERMANY AT THE CLOSE OF THE SECOND YEAR OF THE WAR, ECONOMIC EXPERTS IN LONDON SAY THAT CIVILIANS AND NON-ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND OF GERMANY ITSELF ARE NOW FEELING THE PINCH ACUTELY.

It is probable that political and economic considerations will make it difficult for the German leaders to reduce much further the amount of food and raw materials available either to their own civilian and consumer industries or those of occupied countries.

The extremely thorough looting of these countries in 1940-1941 makes it necessary for the Germans now to supply them in many cases with food and raw materials.

German military requirements (for example, labour in defence works) have also in some cases conflicted with economic requirements (for example, agricultural labour) in occupied countries. The whole German machinery of exploitation is weakened further by active or passive resistance in Western Europe fostered by the knowledge of Germany's Eastern preoccupations.

Oil, rubber and some ferro-alloys and non-ferrous metals and vegetable oil are European, not only German, deficiencies.

No amount of preparation or ingenuity can increase European production or synthetic capacity, thereby making their problems one of labour and administration as much as supply.

Russian Campaign

In this connection, too, the Russian campaign is of great importance. It is reducing German stocks of oil, rubber and raw materials; it emphasises difficulties in transport which are among Germany's most serious problems in the economic exploitation of blockaded Europe and above all it is draining German man-power whose strength is required not only to maintain armies of occupation in Europe but also amongst other things to grow food which Europe cannot import and to mine coal to make synthetic oil and rubber.

Summing up, experts say that the effects of the blockade are at present seen most clearly in the German difficulties in regard to man-power, transport and administration but these are only outcomes of Germany's supply difficulties which will rapidly increase if their present rate of material expenditure is maintained.

Striking Evidence

The most striking evidence of the blockade's effectiveness comes from a German source, the economist Josef Wenschuh, who wrote in the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" on May 14, 1941: "Our ability to continue the war lies not only in continental reserves and in the production capacity of Europe but also in Russia's natural possibilities of supply to us."

"At present we are already using our reserves and we must see to it that they are replaced and enlarged. Everything must be done not to lose the advantage we had at the outbreak of the war."—Rauter.

D'AGUILAR CLASH INQUIRY

A magisterial inquiry into the Cape d'Aguilar Road accident, in which a Volunteer, L/Bdr. D. E. Smith, was fatally injured, will be held at the Central Magistracy within the next 10 days.

The routine military inquiry has been completed and it is understood that the evidence recorded during that inquiry will be made available at the forthcoming public inquiry.

T.U.C. REJECTS MOTION.

The Trades Union Congress in Edinburgh rejected by an overwhelming majority the motion to refer back to the General Council its report on the negotiations with Government on the subject of the fire prevention scheme.

In this report the General Council, while contending that the proposed allowances for workers under the fire scheme were totally inadequate, and that the scheme will not be successful on its present basis, nevertheless recommended the Trades Union Movement to cooperate in the proposed machinery under the scheme.

In the course of the debate, besides criticism of the scheme itself, the complaint was made that Government had failed to consult the Trade Union Movement before the fire prevention order was issued.

It was stated, however, that in the latest negotiations Government had largely met the Council's views regarding consultation and that a joint advisory council on fire prevention was being set up.—Reuter.

TRIPOLI RAIDS KEPT UP

R.A.F. heavy bombers attacked Tripoli during the night of September 1/2, said yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communiqué.

Bombs were dropped on the power station and a number of fires started. Subsequently there was a violent explosion and a large fire, with clouds of black smoke, broke out.

Two A.A. guns were hit and put out of action.

Heavy bombers raided Benghazi where shipping in the harbour was bombed. Several bombs fell near a vessel and a column of black smoke was seen rising from one of the ships.

Motor transport near Barce was machine-gunned.

South African and Fleet Air Arm planes bombed the southern landing ground at Gazala causing fires which were visible many miles from the target.

A number of explosions occurred when Fleet Air Arm aircraft dropped bombs among aircraft on the Sicilian aerodrome of Gerbina and Comiso.

From these operations one of our aircraft is missing.

Photographs of munition factories at Licata, which were raided by the R.A.F. on August 30, reveal a number of direct hits and considerable damage.—Reuter.

MAN OF 84 SENT TO PRISON

AN 84-YEAR-OLD CHINESE, FUNG PAK-CHUEN, DESCRIBED AS A FORTUNE TELLER, AND WONG SAU-TAK, ALIAS WONG CHEUNG-FOOK, 39, WERE CHARGED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING, WITH LARCENY OF \$400 FROM MR. WAI KWAN-TO, RETIRED MERCHANT, OF NO. 47, ROBINSON ROAD, BY MEANS OF A TRICK. ACCUSED WERE ALSO CHARGED WITH FORTUNE TELLING.

Both pleaded not guilty to the first charge, while first defendant admitted the second charge.

It was stated that Mr. Wai went to a fortune teller named Ng Man-po at Peel Street on July 29, to consult him about his luck, as he had lost his only son in May. Through Ng, he went to Fung, at No. 223, Wanchai Road, where he paid \$12 for the telling of his fortune.

According to Fung, Mr. Wai was a magistrate in his former generation, and sentenced two persons to death by mistake so the evil spirits were with him at the present moment. To get rid of the evil spirits, he would have to pay \$105 for burning joss.

On August 12, he was told by Fung that in his former generation, he had a fortune of approximately \$160,000 in money and jewellery hidden in an ancient well, and if he burned 160,000 joss papers at a certain temple in Chinese territory, he could get the money. A sum of \$350 for joss papers and \$50 expenses were paid to first accused.

A few days later, Fung asked Mr. Wai to get \$400 in banknotes and wrap them in a handkerchief to protect him from evil spirits. The money was handed to Fung who wrapped "them" up in the present of Mr. Wai, but substituted paper. When he discovered this, Mr. Wai informed the Police and accused were arrested.

First defendant was fined \$250 or two months' hard labour on the first count, and \$50 or two weeks' on the second. A fine of \$100 or six weeks' was imposed on second accused.

Detective Sergeant Bentley prosecuted.

BICYCLE THEFT

Charged with stealing a bicycle, from outside No. 128, Apliu Street yesterday Mok Wah, 22, was sentenced to two weeks' hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

The owner located accused on the roof of No. 294, Kilung Street about to take the bicycle to pieces.

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SHANGHAI DISTURBED ABOUT EXCHANGE

A STRONG APPEAL TO THE CHINA STABILISATION BOARD IN HONG KONG TO RECOGNISE THAT TWO EXCHANGE LEVELS DO EXIST IN SHANGHAI IS MADE BY "FINANCE AND COMMERCE," LEADING BRITISH FINANCIAL WEEKLY, TO-DAY.

Reviewing the local exchange market in the week ended August 30, "Finance and Commerce" states there is little to be said respecting operations in the official market.

On the open market—or "free" market—business proceeded the greater part of the time without particular restrictions but there were many complaints that it is an open market in name only and the tendency was more and more towards individual negotiation and squeeze.

Frequently the difference between buying and selling rates was too wide for the market to be regarded as a normal one.

Nominally, rates were well maintained, support coming to some extent from overbought speculators who took their profits. Furthermore, merchants who were able to obtain official exchange found themselves in a position to re-sell on the open market.

Bank Propriety

"Finance and Commerce" continues: "Some confusion though seems to have arisen regarding the propriety of an authorised bank quoting official and unofficial exchange rates at the same time."

"The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation kept to the official rates while the other banks vacillated and changed their policy."

"Naturally, if the Stabilisation Board granted official rates for a wide range of goods with the primary object of maintaining trade in those goods and prohibiting the import of everything not on the official list, the position would be clear enough."

"However it can be stated very definitely that members of the Stabilisation Board have not yet studied the situation sufficiently to be able to draw a dividing line between wanted and unwanted imports."

The Problem

Pointing out that last week imports of newsprint, tobacco and so forth could not obtain exchange at official rates and if there had been no open market they would not have been able to obtain exchange and trade would have ceased, and furthermore that public utility companies got no official rates for coal steamer charters—"how gas and electricity can be provided without coal and without exchange to pay for the coal does not appear to have been taken into consideration by those who adopt the attitude that the open market is defeating the objects of the Stabilisation Board"—the publication urges:

"An open market, operating side by side with the official market, is imperative and there is no ostensible reason why exchange should not engage in both."

"Plain Speaking"

Referring to the recent departure from Shanghai to Hong Kong of Mr. Taylor, the American representative on the Stabilisation Board, and Mr. J. A. Mackay, of the National City Bank, and Mr. H. Y. Hopkins, of the Chartered Bank, "Finance and Commerce" hopes the Shanghai banking representatives will engage in "some plain speaking" in Hong Kong.

"There is no reason why Shanghai should suffer in silence or why the Stabilisation Board, having bungled the job, should not be informed of the fact."—Reuter.

LAD STEALS FROM PUNJABI

A 16-year-old Chinese was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning for stealing \$29 from an Indian soldier yesterday.

The lad stole the money from the soldier's pocket when the latter was purchasing food. He passed the money to another lad, who escaped.

A.R.P. INQUIRY HEARING

(Continued from Page 9)

"To Avoid Suspicion"

Do you know if Miss Mimi Lau knows him?—I do not. I do not speak to Miss Lau, to avoid suspicion.

What sort of suspicion?—She is a very good friend of Mr. Cheng. What has that got to do with you?—There is no reason why I should become acquainted with her.

But she is employed in your firm?—I seldom see her on the premises.

You feel that if you became acquainted with Miss Lau, Mr. Cheng would become suspicious?—Yes, jealous.

Other Contracts?

After the birthday party in April do you know whether your firm got any other contracts from the A.R.P. Department?—The only time we dealt directly with the A.R.P. Department was in connection with the contract for 3,000 steel helmets.

Did you get that contract before the birthday party or afterwards?—It was before, in July, 1940.

Since then you had no other contracts?—No.

Not even through Government Stores?—I received tenders issued by Government Stores to foreign firms who in turn forwarded them to me.

Have you, whether through the A.R.P. Department or Government stores, obtained any other contracts for the A.R.P. Department?—Further contracts were the result of tenders called for by Government stores.

The birthday party was in April, 1941?—Yes.

An Offer

On June 29, 1941 you offered to supply the A.R.P. Department with shovels, pick-axes, crowbars, etc. to the extent of \$5,383?—Yes.

To be supplied in five weeks?—Yes.

Witness admitted a contract worth \$70,000 negotiated with Mr. Anderson, Controller of Stores, and explained that the reason he dealt directly with Government Stores was because Mr. Anderson told him that he would be able to obtain payment quicker. He allowed Government 5% discount.

The Chairman: Is it not a fact that on June 9, 1941, your firm notified Government Stores that you would be able to supply shovels, pick-axes and crowbars to the extent of \$5,383, in five weeks?—I can't remember when, but we gave quotations.

Do you remember that on June 3, 1941 you offered to supply 3,600 hurricane lamps at \$1.15 each to the A.R.P. Department?—Yes.

And in fact, you did supply these lamps?—Yes.

Not Directly

So two months after the birthday party you supplied the A.R.P. Department with these?—Even then, it was done through Government Stores and not directly with the A.R.P. Department.

Do you remember on April 30, two weeks after the birthday party, you offered to supply 15,000 shovels and 15,000 pick-axes worth \$72,000 to be supplied to the A.R.P. Department?—Yes.

SOVIET ENVOY PAYS TRIBUTE TO R.A.F.

A tribute to the "marvellous work" done by British bombers over Germany was expressed by M. Ivan Maisky, Soviet Ambassador to Britain, at a speech during a reception offered at the Army & Navy Club.

"I hope," he added, "that during the autumn the aid given us by the Royal Air Force will be still more effective."

Did you get that contract?—Yes.

Are you quite sure that you had that contract before the birthday party?—I can't remember whether it was before or after.

This ought to be clear. Two weeks before the birthday party you offered a tender to supply these goods?—I am not clear about it. In fact we do not care about A.R.P. business.

Why?—I have contracts in hand worth \$6,000,000 but all A.R.P. supplies since June last year amounted to only \$200,000. You do not care for \$200,000?—We have 4,000 workers.

Not Afraid

What do you mean by saying you do not care for A.R.P. business?

—The A.R.P. Department purchased from us helmets, shovels, etc., made of mild steel which no other manufacturer could produce. So we are not afraid of having no buyers.

There were other firms who offered tenders for the supply of shovels, pick-axes and crowbars. Dodwell's was one?—Many firms came to us for prices.

Dodwell's also sent in a tender?—They also came to me for quotations.

Dodwell's sent a tender to Government to supply these goods?—That is so. Even if they succeeded, they would have to come to me to supply the goods. Jardine, Matheson was also one?—Yes.

Did the Diaward Steel Works also send in a tender?—Yes. Diaward's quoted \$1.98 per pick-axe?—Yes.

Your firm quoted \$2 each?—Yes. You got the contract?—Yes, less 5 per cent.

Never mind! You got the contract?—Yes, but after deducting 5 per cent. the price was \$1.90 per pick-axe.

"They Came To Me"

B. J. Lacon and Company also offered to supply?—Same as the others, they also came to me.

All the tenders were sent in round about March 10?—Yes.

The Chairman then informed Mr. Lam that his firm's books were being audited and that when this was completed he would be required again.

The Inquiry was then adjourned to 10.30 a.m. to-morrow in the Puisne Judge's Court.

HORSE BOLTS, GOES UPSTAIRS

TWO RUNAWAY HORSES CRASHED INTO THE SHOP FRONT OF A LONDON BEAUTY PARLOUR AND THEN BECAME WEDGED IN THE DOOR.

One of the animals was so badly injured by its struggles that it had to be destroyed.

The other horse went upstairs to the first landing. The shop is in Buckingham Palace Road, which was roped off for nearly an hour.

The horse which went upstairs was eventually brought down again—backwards. The horses had been drawing a brewer's dray when they took fright and bolted.

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NOBLE LIKELY TO MEET AROMIN IN OCT. 3 TOURNEY

By "Incog."

TWO CLOSELY MATCHED BOXING BOUTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME ARRANGED FOR OCTOBER 3, IN AID OF THE BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR FUND AT THE STAR THEATRE, IF PRESENT PLANS MATURE.

It has been suggested that the main event be a 10-round heavy-weight contest between Pte. Moran, Army champion, and Lieut. Millar, Royal Scots, with another 10-round bout in the feather-weight division between Pte. Noble, Middlesex Regiment, holder of the Army featherweight title, and "Young" Aramin, holder of the Colony championship belt.

As far as can be ascertained, both Noble and Aramin are anxious to meet each other, but things are not so definite regarding the heavy-weight bout. Asked whether he had been invited to take part in the tournament, Lieut. Millar stated last evening that he had not heard officially yet, adding that he would have to think things over even if he is asked, as he had not been in training since the Inter-Unit tournament some months ago. It will be recalled that at that tournament Millar lost narrowly to Moran on points and the decision was received with mixed feelings.

The organisers of this programme are planning to have two other boxing matches included in the programme, one between "Young" Iron Bux and a Chinese opponent, while Aramin's younger brother, Johnny, will probably figure against a Chinese opponent from "Sky" Lee's boxing school.

Supporters of all-in wrestling will also be catered for as two bouts have been tentatively included in the programme, and it is understood that four of the Colony's best Indian wrestlers will also be seen in action.

BUX SEEKS FIGHTS IN PHILIPPINES

"YOUNG" IRON BUX, BANTAMWEIGHT AMATEUR BOXING CHAMPION OF HONG KONG, IS CONTEMPLATING A TRIP TO THE PHILIPPINES TO SEEK SOME FIGHTS DOWN THERE, AND TO THIS END HAS APPROACHED MR. "VIC" HUGO, MANAGER OF THE ORIENTAL THEATRE, WHO IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH SOME OF THE LEADING PROMOTERS IN MANILA, TO LEND HIS ASSISTANCE IN FIXING UP A FEW BOUTS.

"Young" Bux is described by sound judges as a "very promising boy who fights like his father," and when it is mentioned that his father, Iron Bux, is ex-lightweight champion of the Orient and one of the best boxers in the Philippines, where he had won every title from bantam to middleweight, for many years, that should be recommendation enough. There is just the possibility that Bux will be seen in the ring here next month, when the tournament in aid of War Charities is staged at the Star Theatre. His opponent then would be a Chinese boy named "Tony", who is also reputed to be a useful boxer.

POLO CLUB GYM KHANA ON NOV. 1

The Hong Kong Polo Club Gymkhana in aid of the B.W.O.F., which was postponed from last May, has been arranged to take place on Saturday, November 1.

There will be a jumping competition for China and Australian ponies, six jumps, show jumping conditions.

Entries will close on Saturday, October 25, and will be accepted up to that time. Entries should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Polo Club, Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon.

Facilities for practice jumping and schooling may be arranged at Whitfield Barracks on application to the Hon. Secretary. A nominal fee for each pony will be charged.

FOOTBALL REFEREE LEAVING

Hong Kong Football Association will be losing one of their most popular referees when P. O. Marie, R.N., leaves in the near future.

Marie has only been in the Colony a little over a year but has made himself popular with all with whom he has come in contact, particularly in football and water-polo circles.

Marie's first big assignment in the football world was the game between Sing Tao and South China at Caroline Hill, when relationships between those two teams were not of the best, but he handled a tough assignment in an excellent manner.

He has been one of the referees in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament and is considered to be one of the best here.

965TH R.A. SOCCER REGISTRATIONS

Following have been registered with Hong Kong Football Association by 965th R.A.: L/Bdr. Ward, Gnr. Miners, Gnr. Cook, Gnr. Bullen, L/Bdr. Minshall, Bdr. Roberts, L/Sgt. Downes, Gnr. Langridge, Gnr. J. Brown, Gnr. L. Brown, Gnr. Hall, Gnr. Thomas, L/Bdr. Barnes, B. S. M. Carley.

Sgt. Whelan, Royal Engineers, has been appointed secretary-manager of Royal Engineers' football teams.

AUSTRALIA BEAT ENGLAND IN CRICKET "TEST" PLAYED AT SINGAPORE

B. A. Barnett, Australian Test cricketer, who succeeded W. A. Oldfield as Australia's leading wicket-keeper, played an attractive innings for 45 runs for Australia against England in a "Test" match at Singapore on August 24, when the Australians won by 7 wickets.

Barnett opened the innings and stayed at the wicket until England's total was passed.

Hailing from Victoria, Barnett has visited England on two occasions with Australian Test teams, the first time in 1934 and the second in 1938. On the first tour he acted as reserve wicket-keeper, and did not play in any Test, but he was Australia's regular wicket-keeper on his second visit to England.

A. C. Growder, former H.K.C.C. cricketer, was in the Australian team and distinguished himself with the ball, taking 4 wickets for 15 runs.

The scores were: England: 88 (G. W. S. Wailes 20, N. C. Brown 10, C. Milton 13, Growder 4 for 15, Ward 4 for 9) and 64 for 8 wickets. (J. A. P. Cameron 20, J. Willoughby 10, G. W. S. Wailes 12, Ward 5 for 10). Australia: 160 for 9 dec. (Edwards 51, Barnett 45, Guard 22, W. K. Jagger 6 for 39).

LARGE UNIT COMPETITION

The semi-finals of the Army Large Units cricket competition in Singapore were decided recently, the teams qualifying for the final being Manchester and Singapore Fortress Signals.



F. Fowler, who will captain Hong Kong Football Club this coming season.

ARMY SIDE TO MEET U. SERVICES

The following Army XI will meet the selected Combined Services side in a practice match at 6 p.m. on the Causeway Bay ground on Wednesday, September 17.

Jackson (Middlesex); Naysmith (Royals) and Sheehan (Middlesex); Falconer (Royals), Guy (Royal Artillery) and Young (R.A.S.C.); Coomer (Middlesex); Fox (Engineers), Auld (Royals) Pelham (Engineers) and Martin (R.A.S.C.).

The Combined Services' XI to meet the Combined Eastern and Sing Tao touring eleven on Saturday, September 20, is as follows: United Services—Bankier (Royals); Roughly (Navy) and Fraser (Royals); Birrell (Engineers), Bright (Middlesex) and Thomas (Middlesex); Hossack (Royals), Barber (Navy), Hendy (Navy), Le Page (Navy) and Duffield (Ordnance).

Reserves—Sheehan (Middlesex) and Pelham (Engineers).

Players of both sides are asked to report to S/Sgt. Duffield, manager-trainer of the Army team.

The Combined Eastern and Sing Tao team is as follows: Cheung Wing-choy (Sing Tao); Hau Yung-sang (Sing Tao) and Lee Ting-sang (Sing Tao); Chan Kam-hoi (Eastern), Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao) and Chiu Ah-fai (Sing Tao); C. T. Tsao (Eastern), Fung Kiu-cheong (Sing Tao), V. K. Hyui (Eastern), Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao) and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

As Hong Kong Football Association have as yet no jurisdiction over the players of different clubs—it still being the close season—South China are issuing invitations to the members of the last Governor's Cup team to play against South China on Sunday, September 21, at Caroline Hill in aid of British and Chinese Charities.

OLDFIELD NOW A CAPTAIN

W. A. Oldfield, famous Australian Test cricketer, who served as a stretcher-bearer in the last war, has been appointed a Captain in Australia's new Armoured Division.

Manchesters beat Gordons by 186 runs, the scores being: Manchesters: 218 (Pte. Wilks 91, Lieut. Gardner 30, Cpl. Freer 29; Pte. Darby 3 for 45) and 234 (Lieut. Isherwood 68, Cpl. Freer 37, Lieut. Gardner 33; Darby 2 for 15). Gordons: 121 (Pte. Darby 39, Capt. Duke 22; Howbrook 4 for 42, Oldham 4 for 37) and 145 (Pte. Leitch 50, Pte. Darby 32; Howbrook 6 for 63, Barlow 3 for 41).

Win For Signals

Signals beat K.K.S.R.A. by 2 wickets, the scores being: K.K.S.R.A.: 104 (Ninnes 33, Gould 24; Holden 6 for 10) and 123 (Ninnes 63, Drieberg 20; Ross 3 for 10, Holden 4 for 20). Signals: 173 (Tiddy 70, Churchill 23; Young 2 for 6, Long 2 for 30) and 53 for 0 (Churchill 18, Moorhouse 10; Hill 4 for 0, Stathan 3 for 10).

CLUB LOOK FORWARD TO BEST SEASON IN VERY MANY YEARS

By "Referee"

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB HOPE TO HAVE ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASONS IN YEARS AS THEY ARE FORTUNATE IN HAVING ALL THEIR OLD PLAYERS AVAILABLE AND SEVERAL NEWCOMERS, WHILE THERE SHOULD BE LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN FIELDING A PROMISING JUNIOR SIDE OWING TO THE KEENNESS ALREADY SHOWN BY A NUMBER OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

Club will, however, be greatly affected by Volunteer exercises if individual units go out during week-ends for training. Whereas Kowloon have most of their Volunteers in Machine-Gun Companies and St. Joseph's in Corps Artillery, Club have members in nearly all the units of the Corps so that they will be affected almost every week.

J. Odell will be greatly missed in goal, though there are several candidates for the position. S. Fowler, Marvin and Eardley will be among these, and of these Fowler will probably be given the position.

Eardley will not be able to turn out every week owing to his duties, but he is also a useful back and may be required in that division.

S. Strange will be playing again this season, Fallacy, a Tientsin Interceptor, has joined and is understood to be good, while Rowe, who played for Oxford University during the 1939-40 season at left-back, is also expected to turn out. Besides this trio Club have Upton, vice-captain, Eardley, H. Millington and Sloan to fall back on for full-backs.

K. Forrow will occupy the pivotal

position, while the wing-halves will be chosen from E. Strange, J. Skinner and A. Odell. The last-named showed promise at the end of last season of making a good half-back.

Seymour, a newcomer, will also be a candidate for one of these positions.

Club lack an inside-right in their forward line, in which will be Gardner, of Hong Kong Electric, F. Fowler, Rietsen, and Bickford.

Fowler, the new captain, will lead the

ARMY WRESTLING LEAGUE

The Inter-Unit Wrestling League (Indian Army Style) has attracted seven teams.

The first bouts will be staged during the week-end September 27-28, when three matches will be staged each day.

There will be home and away matches, and the League, if the fixtures are adhered to, will not be completed till the middle of November.

The fixtures have been so arranged that each team will be occupied twice during the week-end, once at home and the other time away.

Following are the fixtures for the first week-end:—

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
5th A.A. v H.E. Mule Corps
12th R.A. v H.K.S.R.A.
2nd/14th Punjab v 8th Regt. R.A.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Rajput Regt. v 5th A.A. R.A.
H.K. Mule Corps v 12th R.A.
H.K.S.R.A. v 2nd/14th Punjab

The postponed Fourth Round game in the Colony Lawn Bowls Pair Championship between S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar and S. Ecclestone and J. Shepherd will be played to-morrow.

attack with Rietsen as his inside-left

and Bickford on the left-wing. Gardner, who has played in representative games for two seasons, while with a Third Division side, will be seen on the right-wing.

Albert Ege, who has played in Switzerland and Calcutta, is another newcomer who has yet to be seen in action.

In spite of great difficulty last season Club completed their fixtures in action.

Second Division, but with the large number of players available this season they hope to do very much better.

Club have lost Carr and Lodge, who will be playing for Lanford, and Bond and McEwan, who was injured last season, may be required for the senior team.

Among the players who have promised to turn out this season for the juniors are Bond, Aitkenhead, the Rugby fly-half, N. L. Smith, Dr. Shaw, Roscoe, Gratton (captain), Gilchrist, McEwan, Morrison, Gow, Haynes, Kennard, Ainslie and Lockhart. Club practice nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the first friendly games will be against Royal Engineers (Junior and Senior) on Saturday next, September 13.

INDIANS TO MEET BOWLS CHAMPIONS

Indian Recreation Club will be playing off their First Division Lawn Bowls League match against Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday, at Sookunpoo, and will be turning out the identical team that scored a clean sweep win over Kowloon Cricket Club last Saturday, as follows:—

A. K. Suftiad, M. B. Hassan, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (Skip); U. A. Rumjahn, A. K. Ismail, J. Hoosen and A. R. Dallah (Skip); D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, A. H. Rumjahn and A. K. Minu (Skip).

DID YOU KNOW?

Detroit have never finished last in the American League. St. Louis have never won a pennant in that league.

Joe Di Maggio and Lefty Gomez are the most modern of the Yankee players. They live in pent houses.

Freddy Hutchinson, Detroit farm hand at Buffalo, leads the International League pitchers and is hitting .338. He often is used as a pinch hitter.

South China are extending their covered stand another 100 feet, and will thus be able to accommodate another 1,000 spectators.

S. CHINA BEAT ARMY

At King's Park, South China Athletic Association, who have already won the title, completed their fixtures when they beat Army Tennis Club by 7½ sets to 1½ sets in Second Division of the Tennis League on Tuesday.

C. P. Ip and W. H. Ho (S.C.A.A.) beat Capt. Guest and S/Sgt. Webb 6-3
beat Capt. Skipwith and Lieut. T. A. Pearce 6-4
beat Capt. Head and Lieut. J. Pearce 6-3
W. T. Lee and W. C. Hoh (S.C.A.A.) drew with Guest and Webb 6-6
beat Skipwith and Pearce 6-0
beat Head and Pearce 6-0
K. C. Wan and C. L. Lau (S.C.A.A.) lost to Guest and Webb 5-7
beat Skipwith and Pearce 6-2
beat Head and Pearce 6-3

Table To Date

	Sets
S.C.A.A.	5 5 0 0 40½ 10
C.R.C.	4 2 1 1 20 6
K.T.G.C.A.	4 2 2 0 17½ 18½ 4
K.C.C.	3 1 2 0 8½ 13½ 2
C.S.C.C.	4 1 3 0 11 25 2
A.T.C.	4 0 3 1 10½ 25½ 1

Season's Record

Following were South China's results during the season:
beat Civil Service Cricket Club 9-0
beat Kowloon Cricket Club 8-1
beat Chinese Recreation Club 8-1
beat Kowloon Tong G.C.A. 8-1
beat Army Tennis Club 7½-1½

Pairings

Following were their pairings:
W. T. Lee and W. C. Hoh
v. Civil Service Cricket Club 3-0
v. Kowloon Cricket Club 3-0
v. Chinese Recreation Club 2-1
v. Kowloon Tong G.C.A. 3-0
v. Army Tennis Club 2½-0½
K. H. Ip and W. H. Ho
v. Kowloon Tong G.C.A. 3-0
v. Chinese Recreation Club 3-0
S. C. Daw and B. Szeto
v. Chinese Recreation Club 3-0
v. Kowloon Tong G.C.A. 2-1
S. T. Lee and H. C. Wong
v. Civil Service Cricket Club 3-0
W. H. Ho and Szeto Bick
v. Civil Service Cricket Club 3-0
W. H. Ho and K. C. Wan
v. Kowloon Cricket Club 2-1
K. H. Ip and Szeto Bick
v. Kowloon Cricket Club 3-0
K. C. Wan and C. L. Lau
v. Army Tennis Club 2-1
C. P. Yip and W. H. Ho
v. Army Tennis Club 3-0

MEDICALS WIN OVER ROYALS

Royal Army Medical Corps "B" beat Royal Scots by 2 points to 1 in "B" Division of Army Tennis League at Sookunpoo on Tuesday.

L/Sgt. Alsey and L/Cpl. Gassow (R.S.) beat Sgt. Parkin and Sgt. Fortnell 6-1, 6-3.

L/Cpl. Downing and Pte. Ross (R.S.) lost to Sgt. Smith and Pte. Langley 6-7, 4-6.

Cpl. Octon and Pte. Gilroy (R.E.) lost to S/Sgt. Shorthouse and L/Cpl. Watt 3-6, 3-6.

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
12th R.A.	33	30	3	30
Royal Scots	36	30	6	30
R.A.M.C. "A"	33	26	7	26
R.A.M.C. "B"	33	24	9	24
36th R.A.	36	24	12	24
R.A.O.C.	33	18	15	18
5th A.A. R.A.	33	15	18	15
R.E.	33	14	19	14
Middlesex	27	12	15	12
R. Signals	30	12	18	12
24th R.A.	36	12	24	12

ARMY TENNIS RESULTS

Following are the latest results in the Army Tennis Championships:
Other: Frank Singles—Sgt. Martin beat S/Sgt. Adams; Sgt. Webb beat Pte. Gilling; S/Sgt. McGon beat Pte. Willis; Sgt. Munson beat Cpl. Watt.
Army Singles—S. A. Hussain beat Pte. Ross.

All Tennis League matches arranged for yesterday were postponed owing to the rain which fell early in the afternoon.

The next meeting of Macao Jockey Club will be held on the Arca Preta, Macao, on Sunday, September 21, the first saddling bell being at 2.30 p.m.

COLONY AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Intending competitors are reminded that entries for the Annual Colony Swimming Championships, to be held at Victoria Recreation Club on September 25 and 27, and October 2 and 4, close on Saturday, September 6, at 6 p.m.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Kowloon Golf Club, postponed from last Thursday, will be held this evening at the Clubhouse, Kowloon City, at 6 p.m.

Merry Madcaps beat Cyclones in a friendly softball game at Caroline Hill during the week by 14 runs to 13, after an extra inning. Hassan, of Cyclones, scored a home run, while Hollands hit a two-bagger.

RUMJAHN CLOCKED AT 70.8

HIGHLIGHT OF THE MEMBERS' SWIMMING GALA AT VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB LAST EVENING WAS A K. RUMJAHN'S FINE EFFORT IN THE 100 YARDS BACK-STROKE EVENT WHEN, STARTING AT 20, HE FINISHED SECOND TO H. REYNOLDS (15) IN THE EXCELLENT TIME OF 70 4/6 SECONDS.

This is particularly interesting in view of the reports that Rumjahn will be going all out to break the 70 seconds mark at the forthcoming Colony Championships.

Miss Celeste Guterres also showed up very prominently when she was paced by C. Marcal in the 50 Yards free-style "A" Class (Ladies) event as there were no other entries. She returned 32-2/5 seconds, while it was due mainly to her efforts that "Blenheims" won the mixed relay race.

Miss Guterres was third to swim for her team and up to that stage they were trailing some 10 yards, but she not only made up that distance but actually gave the next swimmer a full yard advantage.

The results were:—
Boys' 100 Yards free-style Handicap: 1, J. Anderson, Jr.; 2, C. Guterres; 3,

J. Roza-Pereira. Time: 70-3/5 secs.
Girls' 50 Yards free-style Handicap: 1, Miss Myra Noronha; 2, Miss T. Yvanovich; 3, Miss Yvonne Yolle. Time: 42-1/5 secs.

Members' 100 Yards back-stroke Handicap: 1, H. Reynolds (15); 2, A. K. Rumjahn (20); 3, L. Roza-Pereira (23). Times were 80-1/5, 70-4/6 and 74-2/5 secs. respectively.

Girls' 50 Yards free-style Handicap: "A" Class: 1, Miss Celeste Guterres. Time: 32-2/5 secs.

Members' 50 Yards free-style Handicap: "B" Class: 1, N. Broadbridge; 2, J. Roza-Pereira; 3, F. M. Britto. Time: 31-1/5 secs.

Boys' 100 Yards breast-stroke Handicap: 1, B. Pomerooy; 2, J. Roza-Pereira. Time: 54-1/5 secs.

Members' 220 Yards free-style Handicap: 1, L. M. Remedios; 2, Kenneth Loy; 3, C. Silva-Netto. Times were 2:55-3/5, 2:58 and 2:59-2/5 secs. respectively.

Girls' 25 Yards free-style Handicap: 1, Miss Laura Nolasco; 2, Miss M. Guterres; 3, Miss T. Noronha. Time: 19-2/5 secs.

Members' Diving Handicap: 1, P. Jorge; 2, R. Ribeiro; 3, G. Saunders.

Girls' 50 Yards back-stroke Handicap: 1, Miss M. Guterres; 2, Miss Y. Yolle; 3, Miss M. Noronha. Time: 42-2/5 secs.

Boys' 50 Yards back-stroke Handicap: 1, G. Rossetti; 2, C. Guterres; 3, J. Roza-Pereira. Time: 41-1/5 secs.

Girls' 50 Yards breast-stroke Handicap: 1, Miss Myra Noronha; 2, Miss G. Monteiro; 3, Miss Y. Yolle. Time: 41-2/5 secs.

Members' 50 Yards breast-stroke Handicap: 1, A. Alves; 2, J. A. Marques; 3, C. Marcal. Time: 35-2/5 secs.

Mixed Relay Race: 1, "Blenheims" (L. Vierla, P. Jorge, T. Lockhart, Miss C. Guterres and F. A. Noronha).

NEW BOWLER FOR ARMY

It is learned from a reliable source that amongst the new blood for Army for this cricket season is Signaller Arthur Swain who has had considerable experience in the Yorkshire League in England.

Swain is reputed to be a clever medium bowler and, according to one who has seen him in action, he should not find any difficulty in getting a place in the Army XI here.

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NAZI INVINCIBILITY MYTH FINALLY BROKEN

Sir Archibald Sinclair's War Review

NO PACIFIC "CHARTER MEETING"

Supplementing the White House's denial that President Roosevelt has received an invitation to meet the Japanese Premier, Prince Konoye, on the high seas, the President's secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, yesterday said: "The only sea trip projected for the President is from Annapolis down the Chesapeake and up the Potomac to Washington, and any suspicious reporters may hire boats to follow the President's yacht."—Reuter.

SLID DOWN HOSES

Firemen slid down their hoses to escape the flames during a fire at Edinburgh book-binding premises. A crashing chimney stack injured one fireman.

Axis Shipping Losses More Than Ours

"THE SPELL OF German invincibility, which paralysed the will of the world a year ago, has now been finally broken," declared the British Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, in a speech at a luncheon in London yesterday.

He was replying to a message from the King, which read: "The two hard years that lie behind us have left us all unshaken in our determination to see justice and freedom re-established throughout the world and I cordially appreciate the loyal assurances of all who are present at your gathering to-day."

Points from Sir Archibald Sinclair's speech were: "Our bombers got to Berlin on Tuesday night and hit the city hard."

There could be no doubt, he added, that the Germans were fully aware of the Prime Minister's words. "This is only the beginning."

The New Bombs

Photographs showed widespread destruction wherever Britain's new bombs fell and they would go on

falling more and more, night after night, until the German people, shattered and disillusioned, saw for the second time that war was not worth while.

Such was Britain's plan and there was big progress in the advance towards achievement.

HE SAID THE R.A.F. WERE INFLECTING ON THE GERMANS AND ITALIANS GREATER SHIPPING LOSSES THAN THEY WERE INFLECTING ON BRITAIN.

"They are getting a double dose of the medicine which Hitler prescribed for us."

"In July we damaged or destroyed 92 Axis ships in the North Sea, the Adriatic and Mediterranean, amounting to 468,000 tons, and 52 ships in addition of unknown tonnage."

Turning Point

"The Coastal Command is transferring the Battle of the Atlantic from the German attack on British shipping into a British attack on German shipping, and victory in this battle will be the turning point towards victory in the war."

The Battle of the Atlantic would require, probably for some time to come, an immense concentration of attention and effort to frustrate the German attacks.

"That it is not going too badly for us, however, is shown by the fact, firstly, that sinkings of British ships in July were the lowest in any months for more than a year, and, secondly, during the last 10 weeks, the average weekly rate of merchandise imported from overseas exceeded 850,000 tons."

Bomber Attacks

Referring to German night-bomber attacks over Britain, Sir Archibald said their casualties, when they broke off bombing to attack Russia, were on some nights over 10 per cent.

He said Britain must expect a renewal of German night attacks but the Germans would pay dearly.

The British daylight offensive kept large forces of German fighters on the western front which otherwise would have been fighting against the Russians.

The R.A.F. was working night and day in an unremitting offensive to support our Russian ally who was fighting so magnificently.

The R.A.F. would grudge no

RELEASE OF FROZEN FUNDS

The Ministry of Finance has issued provisional regulations governing the withdrawal and use of foreign exchange funds frozen in Britain and the United States.

The regulations which have been made public through the Central Bank of China provide that holders of foreign currency, after transferring their accounts to the Central Bank, may make use of such funds in the original currency by applying to the Foreign Exchange Control Committee through the Central Bank of China.

According to the regulations, depositors who want to withdraw their foreign currency must limit withdrawals to three designated purposes, (1) purchase of commodities abroad which are needed in China, (2) living, educational or travelling expenses in the countries where their funds are frozen, and (3) other legitimate uses.

All applicants for foreign exchange must state reasons in detail and submit relevant documents to certify the uses to which the funds are designated.—Central News.

JAPANESE DECIDE NOT TO PAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Changing their attitude drastically, the Japanese Ratepayers Association of Shanghai passed a resolution urging Japanese residents in the Settlement not to pay arrears in taxes to the Municipal Council. The amount not paid up to date is believed to be "a considerable sum."—International News Service.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Ten and 20-cent notes of the Nanking Federal Reserve Bank are increasingly circulating in Shanghai due to the renewed shortage of subsidiary notes of the National Government banks.—International News Service.

sacrifice to help them.

Winning The War

"OUR ADMIRATION FOR THE RUSSIANS' DOGGED FIGHT IS UNBOUNDED BUT RUSSIA WON'T WIN THE WAR FOR US."

"OUR GRATITUDE TO THE UNITED STATES FOR ALL SHE IS DOING AND PROMISES TO DO IS UNBOUNDED BUT THE UNITED STATES WON'T WIN THE WAR FOR US."

"Our chief danger is a tendency to relax our efforts when our prospects improve, to think that somebody else will make an effort and sacrifice and win the war for us."

"Complacency is our greatest danger to-day. For victory we must rely on ourselves." Sir Archibald said that Axis air losses for the two years of war totalled 8,020 against 3,029 lost by the R.A.F.

IN ADDITION THE AXIS HAD LOST 4,000 PLANES IN THE RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN.—REUTER.

STOP PRESS

Another case of typhus—the fourth this year—was notified to the Health Authorities yesterday, in addition to two cases of cholera, 36 cases of tuberculosis, 12 of dysentery and one of enteric fever.

That three Revenue Officers, including Christian James Ernest Scott, 23, raided three opium dens in the early hours of August 10, with the intention of extortion was alleged by the Prosecution at the Kowloon Magistracy this afternoon when the three men appeared on charges of conspiracy to extort money and with demanding money with menaces.

Inspector Cunningham stated that the men started out in a taxi at 12.30 a.m. on August 10. In each instance they compelled the alleged keepers of the dens to accompany them in the taxi and demanded sums of from \$50 to \$150.

On one occasion, said Inspector Cunningham, Scott was alleged to have drawn his revolver.

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